

The Alvarez Family

BBFI Missionaries to Uruguay, South America

Our church is in a season of growth. Without noticing now we have almost 20 couples that attend church. From the committed ones to some that are checking things out. In the past weeks we've had visitors almost every week and we've seen people coming to Christ. We are excited about this and we are praying to God for wisdom. More people, more life situations, more counseling and a greater responsibility.

The Spring season brought many opportunities to gather as a church on different activities. This month we've had Kid's Day, a Movie Night for senior adults and a church-wide luncheon. On each activity we've had first time visitors and people that have returned after a long time.

We are honored that we can see God's hand upon the ministry here in Montevideo. We appreciate your constant prayers.

Looking for trash he found Jesus

Carlos was trying to get food for his family inside of a trash dumpster by the church.

I was looking at him while he was observing how we were having an activity inside of the churches premises. He looked like he was longing for something. It was a cold Saturday afternoon. We had hot chocolate and pastries for the kids. I grabbed a couple of biscuit bags and a cup of coffee and walked towards him. He was very thankful that I was actually willing to talk to him due to the fact that he spends most of his day inside of trash dumpsters and his appearance was not the best. (Continues on page 2)

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PRAY FOR SANTIAGO

As he recovers from a car accident, but mainly for his salvation.

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PRAY FOR MATEO

A 25 year old young man who is undergoing chemotherapy. He is not a believer.

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PRAY FOR

The development of leaders among the church.



Lola (left)

Came to church for the first time on Movie Night.



God's Not Dead

Was the movie and everyone loved it!



Pray for the Seniors at our church!

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We started talking. Carlos is actually an electrician who lost his job a while ago. With tears in his eyes he told me how embarrassing it is to try to find left over food at trash cans so him and his family can eat. How people will not even talk to him because he digs in the trash not only for food but also for scrap metal and plastic bottles to sell. He told me that the week before was a great week because he was able to make 700 pesos (Uruguayan currency) with equals less than 20 dollars. As I talked to him I could tell the sadness mixed with desperation and hopelessness. At one point he said "I don't know why I am telling you all this because I am not a man to open up to people". Then I said "Carlos, I can give you food today but you will be hungry tomorrow, but I want to tell you something that will help you that is better than the food you need", so I went about presenting the Gospel. I asked if I could pray for him and invited him to church. The next morning he came and paid attention to the sermon and at the end he surrendered his life to Christ. As we were at the office showing him what the Bible says about our condition without Christ, suddenly he said "every day I wake up with the sense that I need forgiveness for a lot of things I've done in the past". We explained that God offers forgiveness through Jesus. He prayed and asked for forgiveness, believing in Jesus as a savior. Carlos was trying to get food for his family at a trash dumpster and he found Jesus. Carlos has been faithful for three weeks. He comes to the service and then he starts his route, dumpster after dumpster looking for what he needs to make a living. Please pray for him because he not only has the burden to try to find a job but also his wife doesn't want anything to do with God because she is a *Iemanjá* worshipper. We praise God for Carlos and pray for his spiritual growth. **#salvation**

TABLE FOR 4

It has been a little over a month since we left Felipe at LU in Lynchburgh. It has been a time of adjustment for sure. Several times we found ourselves saying things like "*the 5 of us*" or just plainly setting a table for 5 at our house. We laugh it off (most of the time).

Xavi and Nic continue with school and playing Flag Football. They both made it to the National Team and will be representing Uruguay in December at a match versus Argentina. Xavi had a sprained ankle that keep him off the fields for 5 weeks but he is recovering. Nic continues to learn bass and playing at church as well.

DISCIPLESHIP IS THE KEY

Currently we have several people learning from the Word of God through discipleship. Emily started last week with Paola. Paola grew up in church, walked away from the faith and then returned to the Lord a few years ago. She understands the need for spiritual growth and knows the areas of her life that need change. During discipleship time there are also conversations that emerge about family situations that range from personal needs, financial difficulties to marital struggles. This time allows the teacher to pour love and counsel to the student unifying each other in prayer and observing how God works in every situation that is presented to Him in prayer. Raphael and Silvia are a couple that started attending church a few months ago. He is believer and she is searching. They will start discipleship this week as well. Blanca had stopped her discipleship classes but last week she started again. Claudia and Veronica are faithful in their weekly class. Pray for the 4 teachers, Gabriel, Gabriela, Glenna and Emily who are currently pouring their love, time and counsel into these students. **#Discipleship**