

THE ALVAREZ FAMILY

BBFI Missionaries to Uruguay, South America

Discipleship

We are excited that **Marlon**, who we told you about in our previous letter will start discipleship with Esteban.

Mentoring

Our youth sessions on Wednesday Nights have been about job searching, life goals and how to apply biblical principles so we can be a light in a very dark world. This is part of a mentoring we are doing with several of them who do not have a good example at home. We are encouraging them to raise their level so they can be successful in their career paths.

Sermon Series

We just finished an 8 sermon series on **"I AM"**. This series shows that Jesus is available to us, and willing to walk us through every circumstance in life. The people really enjoyed the teachings and almost every Sunday there were decisions made during invitation time.



A time of reaping

We are continuously acknowledging God for what He is doing in the midst of our church. We endured a season waiting on results, waiting on salvations, waiting on people to make right choices as they grow and walk with the Lord. Now it seems like we have entered a season of reaping what we have sowed. The salvations experienced this year are the result of prayer, conversations, sermons and time spent with people who needed the Lord.

We are overwhelmed by the amount of new believers who are doing discipleship courses. Our team is busy. Soon we will enter the stage of preparing others to lead some discipleship lessons. Please be in prayer because we know once a believer decides to teach or lead, the enemy puts in overtime trying to discourage them.

Recently a local newspaper gave information on religious practices in Latin America (**Latinobarómetro 2023**). The numbers showed that **47%** of Uruguayans do not have or practice any type of religion. The numbers are alarming for a Latin American country. Please pray that we will see more souls coming to Christ and also pray for more workers to come! **#realneed**

Projects

We are currently renovating our multipurpose facility. We are finishing up a bathroom and soon we will have new flooring.

After that we must renovate and make a little expansion in our church building. It is a great problem to have when there is no space and we want to make more room.

Recently we talked to our architect and he said that it will take up to a year and a half to get a building permit (especially in the area we are at and being a church). So we will continue to improve our location as much as we can while we wait for a major expansion.

YOUTH RETREAT

In a couple of weeks our youth will attend their annual October retreat with other churches from Montevideo. This is a special time for them to grow and build relationships with other believers their age.

We are excited that Marlon is going this year. He has been a good friend to Xavi and Nicolas and now a brother in Christ. Pray that their hearts will be moved during the workshops and preaching sessions.

We are thankful that they can be part of this.

An Intergenerational Ministry

A dear friend of ours taught me the term “**Intergenerational Ministry**” while she was visiting us on a Missions Trip. Since then, it has been a goal of ours to make our ministry that way. A few weeks ago, the youth invited the adults to their meeting. The premise was that they were going to interact with people who could be their parents or grandparents. The teens and youth developed a questionnaire asking things such as “How did you manage without a GPS?” Or “How did you come to know the Lord?”. We divided the adults into different groups and a teen/youth acted as moderator. It was a refreshing time for everyone and at the end I spoke on 1 Timothy 5. Below are some pictures of that evening.



Would you pray for Carmen?

Carmen has been attending church for several months. She is not saved and she acknowledged that a couple of times. She is fighting a spiritual battle. Her husband and 20 year old daughter made professions of faith. Carmen’s husband is doing discipleship and he has a burden for her salvation. I am asking you to join forces with us so she can come to faith. For years she did not want to have anything to do with church so for her to attend services is huge, but not enough. Pray for Carmen!