

# THE ALVAREZ FAMILY

## BBFI Missionaries to Uruguay, South America

### Marlon Returned!!

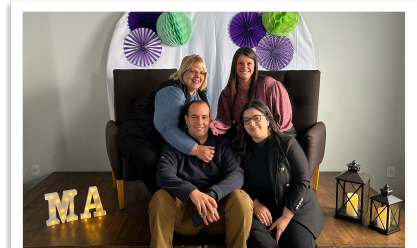
At the end of 2024 we told you about Marlon and his mom leaving the church. A few weeks ago Marlon returned to church and started to attend youth services every Saturday. This is such a blessing! Even when he has been faithful and participates in the activities, he still does not fully express a full commitment to the Lord. The family dynamic has changed since his mom said that she no longer believes but we continue to encourage him to first, pray for her and then to invite her to come to church. Two Saturdays ago Marlon brought Sebastian, his younger brother. We were so happy to see him. We believe that the Lord is working and will continue to do more with this family. Marlon can be a vital piece once he returns to discipleship and grows in the Lord. Thank you for keeping him in your prayers!

### Mother's Day

Mother's Day can be filled with mixed emotions for the ladies who attend church services. Usually we give a more inclusive sermon on the role of a woman with the understanding that not everyone has kids. This year the Lord put in my heart Hanna's prayer so I preached specifically on "***A Mother's Prayer***". As in every church, we have single mom's, mothers dealing with kids with addictions, others being the only ones who are believers, some single ladies whose visible pain is heartbreaking. As I was preaching Emily had a conversation with a 44 year old woman whose desire to get married and establish a family makes "Mother's Day" almost unbearable. I praise God that Emily was able to comfort her and at the end of the service she came and thanked me for the message. After Sunday we did a survey and asked what was the most impactful part of Sunday's message.

Almost every single one of the responses was "I want my legacy to be that I was faithful and that I prayed for the next generation of believers". That is our prayer. That we will make an eternal impact on the ones we love, especially our children. Hanna understood that and we need to imitate her.

**#Mother'sDay**





## Baptisms on Easter

We remember when we spent years teaching, sowing seeds and it seemed like nothing happened. Every pastor and missionary goes through seasons like that. This year we had 12 baptisms in two months!

Easter Sunday was cold. It was 20 degrees and our baptistry is outside and we do not have a water heater for it. That was not an obstacle for the ones who wanted to publicly express that they wanted to follow Jesus.

Julietta was one of them.

Saturday night she made a profession of faith after years of attending church, camps and being very familiar with “church things”. Saturday she gets saved and Sunday she was baptized.

Please pray for that these 12 brothers and sisters will grow in the Lord and that they will bring others to Christ. We are celebrating and will continue to pray for others that have yet to come forward to get baptized.

We might wait until Spring season... or not.



## MISSION TRIP

Andrés (Xavi) and Nicolas will be heading on another mission trip with **T.I.M.E. International**. This is such a great opportunity for both of them and we are thankful to Global Church in Miami that has extended this invitation. This time they are going separate ways: Andres will be going with his team to the **Philippines** and Nicolas to **Perú**. We always ask God that He will use these trips to show them the need of the Gospel in the world and that they will be used while ministering to people in other places.

Andres and Nicolas are both great assets to the ministry here in Montevideo and are involved in different capacities. To have a cross-cultural ministry in cultures that aren't in the USA or Uruguay, enhances their experience and for that we are thankful. Please pray for God to provide what they need in order to go.

## NEW NEIGHBORS...

The house next door to where we live was empty for over 6 years. This past month a gentleman approached me and introduce himself. He stated “our company will start operating from here”. I asked “What kind of business do you have?” And the reply was “A **Cannabis Club**, but do not worry, people come here to get their product and leave.” In all honesty, we are not surprised. We have lived in a country where marihuana is legal in all public places. We do not like it, but we cannot change that. I told the family that God allows this for a reason. We are just going to have to wait and see. It is life in the most liberal country in Latinamerica. We adjust, and we continue.