

Pray Without Ceasing

- Freedom, clarity, and understanding in giving out the Gospel
- New contacts
- Christmas outreach dinner Dec. 27
- Summer VBS

The Harmon's



Church Planters
to the HEARTS
of Uruguay

Praise the Lord!

- Jo Anna and Paul done with language school
- Bible studies w/ Sebastian and Jimena
- Bible lessons with Matias (3 yr. old)
- Successful Thanksgiving outreach



The 10 – 90 Change!

A main purpose of a missionary's life is to plant churches by working with people. Until now, our lives have been consumed 90% of the time with language and logistics, with only 10 percent left to evangelize. Now this has switched. What a joy to be able to focus on planning outreach activities! We are blessed to be in the midst of our harvest field. As a result, instead of filling our prayer letters with logistics, we will start focusing more on the people themselves.

Life in the Interior

Living in the interior is a different way of life than what we have had since we got married. Electric, phone, and water services are sometimes a bit unpredictable. People smile more and seem to have more time. Everyone apparently knows everyone through their third cousin or friend's aunt, except for us newcomers of course. Finally, good neighbors are indispensable.

Neighbors

Santo is an excellent neighbor. Around 70 years old, he is always ready for a chat. He is our neighborhood watchman and custodian for our shared garage. His entire backyard, connected to ours by a waist-high fence, is filled with a vegetable garden. Felicia loves to stick her head over the fence and chat with "Grandpa Santo." We are not sure if they understand each other, as he is a bit hard of hearing, but the conversations do seem to be lively.

We invited him to our Thanksgiving party last month and were informed that he does not attend gatherings. Evidently these are too much excitement. So we are trying the low-key approach of "shooting the breeze" with him. It is amazing what you find out! Pray that he will find out about Christ as well. By the way, his name means "holy."

To the left of our house lives a little three-year-old with his parents. Matias is a lovable little guy who loves to come over and play with Felicia. At least that is what we were originally led to believe. It turns out that although this was true, his mother was also sending him over to check us out. When things "checked out," we started receiving visits from Jimena and occasionally Diego as well. Diego returned from a UN deployment in Haiti about three months ago. While he was gone, Jimena was very lonely. This has opened up a great door for us. Jimena has started weekly Bible studies with Jo Anna, and Matias occasionally comes to Sunday school.

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Diego has proven to be a little harder to reach, but we hope with time to have opportunities with him. He is from a Mormon background.

As I mentioned before, everyone seems to know or be connected to someone here in the interior. This has great potential for chain evangelism. By chain evangelism I mean going with a believer to their parent's or sibling's house to spend time. Please pray that more relationships will develop to allow us even more warm contacts in our community.

The Market Place

Every Sunday I go to the local market after Sunday school. Buying things is secondary as virtually the entire town seems to show up if the weather is nice. This gives folks a chance to stare at the "gringo" and for me to get to know their faces as well. While making select purchases, I hand out tracts to the vendors.

Sebastian, one such vender, invited me to do Bible studies at his home. The second time we had a study, Sebastian prayed and accepted Christ as his Savior. Sebastian's dad is a Moonie, and Sebastian has been influenced by this cult. Since Sebastian's decision to accept Christ, I have been unable to reconnect with him. We had two scheduled Bible studies, and each time I showed up, no one was home. This past Sunday he was also missing at his normal place at the market. I hope to reconnect with this twenty-year-old at the basketball court across town this week. Please pray for this baby who was birthed in a very hostile environment. Pray that he would develop a healthy appetite for spiritual things and that he will not be pulled back into the Moonies.

Christmas Banquet

Sunday, December 27 at 7 p.m., we will be renting a conference room at a local hotel to host a Christmas dinner. Jo Anna's family from Paysandú will be coming to help with special music as well as to help prepare and serve the meal. Please pray that we will have a good attendance and that the Lord will bless our labors.

Thank you for your prayers and support. May the Lord grant you a wonderful CHRISTmas and a blessed New Year!

Picking fruit in Durazno's orchard,

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