



# URUGUAY

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NEW CONGREGATION IN THEIR BRAND NEW BUILDING



## A Dream Come True

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We hope you all have had an amazing holiday season and were able to soak in the JOY that comes with celebrating the birth of our Savior!

We have said goodbye to 2020, and boy what a year it has been! As we reflect on these past 12 months and the unforeseen challenges and changes of plan, we are reminded of how many blessings we have to celebrate! For one thing, little Julia joined our family. She has brought so much joy to our lives and her smile just lights up the room!

We are also thrilled to celebrate the completion of 4 new churches in 2020. Our last newsletter shared about the first two, and since then two more have been completed.

Church #3, in the town of Salinas, was dreamed of long before it was ever built. Years ago, the pastors, Pablo and Claudia, were newly married and fresh out of Bible College. While on their honeymoon, they felt God speak to them about starting a church in this community. After lots of hard work, relationship building, and much prayer, there is now a faithful congregation meeting each week! It was wonderful that they were able to purchase a property to call their own, but the abandoned building on it was quite simple

and run down. One time when Steve preached there, it started raining...both outside AND inside thanks to a leaky roof! They were definitely in need of a new building! In just one week, with the help of many volunteers in Uruguay and partners in the US, we were able to build a permanent structure that is dry and safe for them to meet each week! No more rain puddles around their feet during service! The cherry on top was the dedication of the church coincided with the wedding anniversary of Pablo and Claudia - such a reminder of God's faithfulness!

Church #4 in Lorenzo Geyres included its own set of miracles as well! One of the coolest testimonies we saw was of a young guy who had never been to church before, but he was invited to a soccer outreach and that's when he heard the Gospel message for the first time. He gave his life to Christ and even volunteered the whole week to help build the church! Everyone worked extremely hard that week, but it didn't stop them from ending the day with a soccer game each night! So fun!

Looking ahead to 2021, we are believing for the completion of seven new churches this year! Thank you for partnering with us in this dream! Love,

*Steve Jill Lucas Josh & Julia*



CHURCH CONSTRUCTION IN LORENZO GEYRES



DEDICATION SERVICE FOR NEW CHURCH IN SALINAS



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"The gospel is only good news if it gets there in time." Carl F. H. Henry

## CONSTRUCTION & DEDICATION SERVICES IN SALINAS AND LORENZO GEYRES



**LUCAS:** I love school so much and being able to see my friends every day. On Thanksgiving, my parents told me I could stay home if I wanted to celebrate, but I didn't want to miss soccer or "manchado" (dodgeball) at recess. I'd rather play sports than eat turkey any day! So we compromised and I went for half the day. I got to play sports AND have a yummy meal with family and some other missionary friends! I'm done with school for the year now - second grade was a crazy year with the coronavirus, but I'm looking forward to lots of play time this summer!

**JOSHUA:** It's SUMMER! WOO HOO! I am so happy to be home and all done with school. I did well learning Spanish and making friends, but I'm happy to be home with my JuJu! (Julia) At the end of the year, I got to dress up like a Uruguayan cowboy for a school show. Mom and Dad were so proud of me and how well I said my lines! They thought it was extra cool because I'm the only one in my family who is Uruguayan because I was born here!

**JULIA:** I'm six months old, and discovering new things each day - like my toes, saying new sounds, and playing with toys! I enjoyed my first Thanksgiving and even got to try a taste of mashed potatoes - my first table food! Everyone laughed at the funny faces I made! I was excited for my first Christmas—who cares about presents, I loved playing with wrapping paper!



**YOUNG ADULTS & TEENS  
IN LORENZO GEYRES**



**PRAYER AND DEDICATION  
IN SALINAS**



**MEN FROM TEEN CHALLENGE  
HELPING BUILD**



**PREACHING AT ABUNDANT  
LIFE MONTEVIDEO**

## PLEASE PRAY

- FOR THE FOUR CHURCHES IN BARROS BLANCOS, SALTO, COVENA & JOAQUIN SUAREZ THAT WILL BE BUILT IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS
- FOR GOD TO CALL THE NEXT GENERATION OF CHURCH PLANTERS AND FOR WISDOM AS WE BEGIN TO TRAIN AND MENTOR THEM
- FOR A HARVEST OF SOULS, THAT DISCIPLES WOULD BE MADE AND NEW CHURCHES ESTABLISHED ALL OVER URUGUAY
- FOR TEAMS TO HELP WITH CONSTRUCTION OF NEW CHURCHES
- FOR HEALTH, STRENGTH & SUPERNATURAL PROTECTION
- FOR ANOINTING, WISDOM & FAVOR
- FOR OUR FAMILY, ESPECIALLY LUCAS, JOSHUA & JULIA

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