

# News From URUGUAY

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Dear Pine Grove,

Thank you very much for your generosity, which we know comes, wrapped in love and interest and prayer for God's work this end of the globe. We pray the Lord will be honored and many people blessed through it.

There are lots of special gatherings at this time of the year. Last Sunday, December 8 we had a very well attended year-end Sunday School program here in **Rosario** with a considerable number of unsaved parents. During the eats afterwards a father came and thanked me for the message. He has just come out of a critical surgery and has been thinking of how he has devoted his whole life to work and to build his house (quite modest) and to the point of not even seeing his first son grow up. He is grateful for what the assembly is doing for his younger son - now an adolescent. His son was given a Bible and a stay at OMBU camp as a prize for attendance. The father said he's going to read the Bible with his son. We pray for this man's conversion!! He mentioned being in our kid's classes in the open air over 30 yrs ago!

The previous Sunday 1st was the program in **Juan Lacaze**, and there too the elders had asked me to give the message. Again, there was a good number of adults, and a couple of families of 3 generations present. It is certainly a joy to see fruit from seeds planted decades ago - sometimes cultivated along the way, and other times where the seed seemed lost, until God did the impossible. Certainly, it is HIS work.

During the week between the S.S. events I taught the second half of the classes on the Pauline Epistles at a Bible School run by Teachbeyond. I thoroughly enjoyed the preparation for it, and the time with the 12 students. Some of them are from Brazil (as is the institute), and speak more Portuguese than Spanish. But we were able to get by one way or another!!

This coming Sunday we have the assembly picnic with **Ecilda Paulier** down at the camp Peniel. By the sounds of it, we're going to have to suffer through a barbecue. haha. There are about 40 of us on the list so that will take a good size grill!

Jumping back to last Sunday, we had the baptism of the two ladies - Gladys, 75 and Otilia, 68. They were saved through Bible studies with Eunice from May to August, and then Silvia continued on with a course on baptism when we were in Canada. Otilia was delighted to have a son and a daughter and 3 grandchildren present to witness her step of obedience. Both ladies told how they came to the Lord. They gave very clear testimonies, and showed good evidence of repentance of sin and trust in Christ.

Yesterday we went to Montevideo to renew our passports. We took advantage to go to the bookstores, do some shopping and also get in a visit with Andrew and Lety and our 4 treasures. Michelle had gone with other students from Mark and Silvia's institute for an international English oral exam. After the exam Michelle and Melanie, invited by Annie, went to Andrew and Lety's for a surprise visit with Amy. She only expected Annie to be there. So we were there for the big arrival, and then returned to Rosario and left the cousins to their fun, which had to do with Amy's pregnancy.

Have a great time with family and friends as you remember Christ's birth and rejoice at his invasion of our lives!!

Praising our Saviour

*Ken and Eunice*

