

God's Mission in Uruguay- August, 2017 Edition  
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And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.

1 John 4:16

## All you got. All you need.

August was the hardest month for me so far on my internship. The loneliness was a very real presence in my life this month. Loneliness is an inevitable experience when you are abroad solo. Even though you are surrounded by people you love and who love you in your present country, it sometimes get hard to fully express what your are feeling/experiencing. That's not a belittlement of other's capability but it is difficult to express what you are struggling with, with the natives as to them that has just how their life has been.

I really found that when these situations came up I really only had one person who could relate with me, Jesus. Jesus knows what it feels like to be in a foreign environment. He was God made man after all, having left his place in heaven to come to earth. He understands the gravity of the loneliness and the one's intuitive response to it. I found this month that even when I was struggling in all aspects of my life in Uruguay, my daily life, my relationships back home, my relationships in Uruguay, my relationship with God, that Jesus was still there and He was all I had and needed to get through each day.

Sometimes in life you have to walk through the dark valleys to get to the green pastures that God has promised. They are the loneliest and most troublesome times we will ever face. Yet while it may seem lonely, dark, and fearsome in the

valley we have Jesus who is with us ever step of the way. And in those moments all we can do is rely on the love that God has for us because we are powerless to do anything else. It is such a blessing to have the knowledge that we have a God who does not abandon us when we start to want to abandon Him. It is such a blessing to have a God who has fought for us on the cross and still fights for us everyday.



A compilation of photos from the Jusanpa-Catechesis retreat in August

## Things Happening at San Pablo

September San Pablo will be hosting a weekend long lecture of leadership development for lay people in the congregation. This is coming ass the congregation is looking to become more involved in the community around Montevideo. The rest of the month of September is a little more calm but there is a lot of preparation that will be going on for all the activities that the congregation is doing in October to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

## Ministry Update

August was a very busy month near the end of it. The first couple of weeks saw the return of the Sharp family and the team getting back up to strength. There were a few meetings to get ready for the activities for the rest of the month. The last week saw a flurry of activity. We had the Catechesis and Jusanpa retreat to Salto in the north of Uruguay.

The days following the end of the retreat saw our bi-annual FORO conference. All this was on top of the regular scheduled events of Jusanpa and Catechesis. Right now Catechesis is ramping up its activity as we quickly approach Confirmation in November.

The retreat was a success as the main focus of it was to integrate the soon to be Confrimads into the Jusanpa group. The retreat started out with lessons at a park in Chapicuy and the introduction of the youth to the congregation in Chapicuy. The next day was a day of some lessons but more fellowship time as we went to the Termas del Dayman for a good portion of the day. The final day we had a special worship service with the sister congregation in Chapicuy that ended with the setting of the cornerstone/time capsule in the new church building that is under construction there.

### Prayer Requests

San Pablo Lutheran Church and School and its missions

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Future in Uruguay. Upon wise counsel from my close friends, I was encouraged to take a time of deeper reflection about God's intention for my future. I have been praying about God's will for me and plan on coming to a decision by the next Newsletter.

Prayer of Thanksgiving. My family is all safe and well following Hurricane Irma.



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