

God's Mission in Uruguay- June/July, 2017 Super Edition

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Hope deferred makes the heart sick,
but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life.

Whoever scorns instruction will pay for it,
but whoever respects a command is rewarded.

Proverbs 13:12-13

Wisdom

When I was a Sophomore in High School my family decided one Christmas to serve at the Hypothermia Shelter our church was hosting at the time. For the young spoiled child I still behaved as at the time I was upset, I didn't want to serve people I wanted my Christmas gifts. Little did I know going into the service that God would use that experience to impart on me insight into the most valuable gift God can give someone, Wisdom. When I was serving I meet with a man down on his luck but who was full of this treasured gift called wisdom. When I was talking with him he would share great insight into what mattered most in this world and deep insight into God's Word. At the end of his teaching he looked at me and asked "Do you know what the greatest thing God can give you is?" to which I replied arrogantly "Jesus". I mean that is the Sunday School answer 101. The answer is always Jesus. He looked at me and said "No. The greatest thing God can give you is wisdom from Him".

He then began to explain to me how Wisdom from God is a completely different thing that Wisdom of this world. Wisdom of this world is acquirable, but Wisdom from God is only a God given gift. This wisdom he explained is the wisdom to believe in God's Word, faith in Christ, righteous walking, and just actions. He added that this Wisdom is only attainable through faith in God and his plans as

you cannot have this without faith. He told me, Wisdom will help you serve others and serve God.

Now one could debate how accurate he was with his statements but the gift of Wisdom from God is indisputably one of the most precious gifts from God. There are complete books in the Bible solely written on this Wisdom. Wisdom is a precious gift for ministry. It allows one to discern proper action and direction, as well as listen and receive criticism. Wisdom is essential in serving God's people and witnessing to others.



My teammates, Hans and Gabbi, and I spending one of our days during Winter Break with friends from Brazil and Mexico.

Things Happening at San Pablo

June was a busy month as preparatory work was being done by the students in San Pablo School as the semester was ending. This month had the arrival of my University Supervisor visit me in Uruguay to see how my internship was going. It was a very productive visit with both things that I am doing well and things I can improve on, the natural things of an evaluation. In addition, the Couples group had their couples retreat the beginning of July.

The first couple weeks of July is actually Winter break down here. It felt very strange for me to be in the mentality of a Winter Break in what

i would usually call Summer Break in the US. What most often happens during any holiday or any break here in Uruguay are vacations. Now I'm not talking just a little lull in activities during holidays. I'm talking about a near complete shut down where everyone is actually enjoying their holiday. It really is quite different. For example, a week ago on Tuesday was a federal holiday right after Winter Break had finished. I took the time to go in to work to get back into the swing of things. When I got to work, no one was there. Dead silence. There is a greater appreciation for resting in Uruguay than in the US it would seem. One that I have learned to be thankful for.

Ministry Update

June was a month full of changes. Escuela Biblica (Sunday School) started in full swing and has been running since then. Since the Sharp family is in the United States on furlough, I have been tasked with making sure that the administrative aspects of Escuela Biblica are running smoothly.

Jusanpa was also in full swing during the month of June, but because of the Winter Break was pretty quiet. We did have a Winter Break get together at the Sharp House the first week of July which was very well attended. It has been very encouraging to see the students grow deeper in their faith.

June also saw the end of my teaching lessons for Catechesis class. We had finished up a segment of looking at the Third Article of the Apostles Creed. Catechesis hasn't started back up just quite yet because of the three Tuesdays of holidays in July. I will be learning more about this transition of my role with Catechesis further once Catechesis starts up again.

Prayer Requests

San Pablo Lutheran Church and School and its missions

Mission partners who will support this ministry through financial gifts and/or prayer. If you or someone would like to support the mission I ask that they get in contact with me via my personal email blessedkdg3@gmail.com.

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.



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