



March 2024

God's

faithfulness

13 years ago, the Lord was confirming His will to our lives, responding to the invitation of several elders from different assemblies. The invitation was to **help the assembly in Carmelo** 250 km away from Montevideo which was dying. There were 6 in fellowship and the tough moments the local church had gone through indicated that the final days were arriving. This invitation came to us while we were starting a process of **revitalizing the local church in Montevideo** which had gone for many years without elders, no vision, a lot of struggles and division. Discouragement would be the exact word to describe both situations in both of these assemblies in two different cities.

At that time (2010), we were **leaving** the assembly – church plant we had started 9 years before in **Punta del Este – Maldonado** which was growing in maturity and numerically.

What were we doing in the middle of these two new realities? It is a question we cannot respond easily. Humanly speaking we were stepping into crazy land and leaving a land of reap and blessing, but now, as we look back, the Lord was guiding and taking us where HE wanted us to be and serve.

A new year has begun, and we have not just looked back to 2023 to evaluate our ways and give thanks to the Lord for HIS faithfulness. **We are looking back over two decades and praising God** for giving us strength, encouragement, provision to continue in spite of challenges, discouragement, tiredness, and more. The joy of the Lord is our strength!!!

Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. We trust the Lord for what has to come, knowing we are in His hands. We are weak, He is strong. I called on the Lord in distress; The Lord answered me and set me in a broad place. The Lord is on my side; I will not fear.

2002 we moved to Punta del Este – Maldonado to plant the new church. **Today** there is a beautiful assembly with a lot of young people and young families, a full-time national missionary couple serving there and very involved at Alfa Bible Camp.

2011 we moved to Montevideo with the purpose to help a 60-year-old assembly that was struggling. **Today** there is vibrant growing assembly with four nice elders and a strong network of leaders doing evangelism and discipleship with children, preteens, youth, young families and helping other smaller assemblies.

Traveling to Carmelo every 15 days for entire weekends for 11 years was busy and tiring, sleeping on the hard benches or floor and late nights, but **today** there is a young national missionary couple serving and a growing assembly in that city. We are helping them with the construction project that begun in January which will double the meeting room and give some other spaces as an office, social room, classrooms, new kitchen and bathrooms. If you want to get involved in helping with this project you may be contacting us.

It is all for the church of Christ, for the extension of the gospel and developing disciples of Jesus Christ, for the glory of God.

**We remain grateful in spite of our weakness to the ONE who is on our side.
We bless His name and ask you to pray for God's continued direction in our lives.**

Some things that have been happening during our 2024 Summer Season.



Nacho our son-in-law graduated with a friend (who took him to Christ) and now is a teacher. They invited some non-Christian friends out to the celebration which was a good testimony.

Sunday February 18th had a surprise for Dad and Mum in Rosario. All the assemblies where they have been involved for these past 50 years since they arrived in Uruguay as missionaries, prepared a special celebration.



Randy Hoffman (executive director of MSC) and his wife Sherry were present at the celebration as well, this was very special for mum and dad. They never expected such gesture. Their home commending assembly celebrated with them the faithfulness of the Lord sending a beautiful letter.



Campa Peniel Niños 2024



SUMMER CAMPS are always part of our lives in different ways. Leticia was invited to speak at a children's camp where she got me and Annie involved. It was nice to share those days together. I had to speak at a family camp and at an assembly retreat as well, and we were involved in a fourth camp as counsellors for the ages 21-25 at Alfa camp. Over 1000 children-teens-youth have gone through the 3 camps.



The tent outreach ministry with Alejandro (national missionary) and a large team during the month of February dedicate a week in different cities every year. The buses take 40 brethren, the majority young people and do street evangelism and reach out to children with a very good program. Pray for the salvation of many.

PRAY FOR:

- # Our marriage and family. Lord's guidance for our lives, Annie's trip back to Canada and Nacho and Amy deciding some important things for their future.
- # The Lord's work in Uruguay, for encouragement of the national missionaries who are serving in the country and abroad. For the spiritual maturity in the assemblies and expansion of the gospel.