



# THE PAULICHEN MISSION

Bringing the hope of Christ to the people of Uruguay

## October 2024 Edition

Thank you to those who prayed for us during the home-going of my dad in September. Tricia and I were able to fly to British Columbia to be with my mom and family. During the funeral, I had the privilege of giving Dad's eulogy. I praise the Lord for the godly heritage he left us.

### **WHILE ON FURLOUGH...**

It's been a blessing and an encouragement spending time with so many new and supporting churches these last number of months. We're extremely grateful for the kindness and generosity you have shown to both Tricia and I while we've been with you. We still have several more weeks of meetings before we head home to Uruguay in November. Please pray for God's continued safety as we travel.

As we go from church to church, we've noticed that most people have a hard time saying our last name. We certainly didn't make it easy for you, neither with our surname nor with the name of the obscure country in which we serve. While I can't simplify the pronunciation for 'Uruguay' (Google can help with that), I can try to help with 'Paulichen'. When we started this quarterly update back in 2016, we thought we'd be witty with what we called it. Apparently that backfired as no one seemed to catch on. So, if you know how to say the word 'mission', then you

know how to say our last name because the two rhyme: The Paulichen Mission. If it's easier for you to remember, our name is the same as the anabaptists of

old, the Paulicians. We just spell it differently. Hopefully one of these two 'helps' makes our name easier to pronounce for our next furlough.

Speaking of churches, since our last letter we've travelled from the southern states up into the Canadian maritimes, as well as throughout Newfoundland, Quebec and Ontario. I've had the privilege of preaching in a number of churches, from English to Spanish to French ones! God is good.

In July, we were the resident missionaries and in-cabin counsellors at a youth camp for 16-19 year olds. Both attending camp as missionaries, as well as being counsellors were firsts for us. During the week, Tricia gave her testimony and I preached each day. We also led split sessions for the young men and women. It was a blessing spending time with the young people, seeing their hearts for the Lord.

At the beginning of September, I was blessed to preach the Sunday morning service in Salto via Zoom. Thank the Lord for such technology that makes things like that possible! It was good to see all of our faithful people as well as some visitors, including the son of one of our ladies. Shirley has a burden for her backslidden and unsaved children and often tells them how they have to get serious about the things of God. Well, the Lord got the attention of two of them recently when they were hit by a car while on their motorcycle. Praise the Lord one of her sons, Deiby, has attended church since then. Please he continues to listen to the voice of the Lord.

Mid-September we were also privileged to



Speaking to Spanish-speaking brethren



Speaking to French-speaking brethren

### **Praise Reports**

- The good "home-going" of my Dad
- Safety on the road; visit many good churches; opportunity to serve at camp and attend the national pastors' conference
- Church in Salto running well; visitors; backyard Bible club; Patricio & Candela's upcoming baptism

### **Prayer Requests**

- Salvation: Tricia's family, Sandra Harris, Jeffrey, Naheemah
- Iglesia Bautista Fundamental de Salto; Daniel & Gabriela
- "T" would repent and come back into fellowship
- God to provide for special projects, plus increase in support

attend the Canadian National Pastors' Conference. The hosting pastor was kind enough to allow me to present our ministry to Uruguay and give a brief update of the work there. It was a blessing seeing pastor friends from all across Canada, some of whom we hadn't seen in 8 years.

As we travel, many have asked how Josh & Josephine are as well as what they're up to in the UK so I thought I'd give a brief update here. We're happy to report they found a nice flat to rent in July in a beautiful little village just outside of Oxford. (Not that I've seen it, but I've heard their village is where Downtown Abbey was filmed.) Thank you for your prayers for their accommodations.

As for what they're doing, Joshua is running a taekwondo academy, as well as working as a lecturer at a local college. Josephine continues to teach piano and violin both locally and online and also has a part-time job in finance with a global ministry. They are looking to continue studying and are currently saving up to do so. Both Josh and Josephine greatly enjoy their church and are heavily involved there.

Some of you might recall how Tricia and I had our 25th anniversary back in March. Throughout 2023, Tricia saved up the earnings from her side teaching job so we could take a trip to the UK in August to mark this important milestone. Of course, there was a dual purpose for the trip, not only to commemorate our special day, but also so we could see our kids! Our visit was booked around Joshua and Josephine's annual vacation, and we had a wonderful time together. While there, we were blessed to attend their church each week and spend time with both their pastor and the brethren. I was also able to preach and present our ministry, which was the icing on our anniversary cake.

#### **MEANWHILE BACK IN URUGUAY...**

During our travels, I've been in frequent contact with Daniel, the man pastoring the church in Salto in my absence, as well as our church people. From the reports I hear, Daniel's doing a fine job. It was a blessing to hear how he and his family have been spending time with our folks in their homes. He even made a visit to see T, who you might recall is the member who is currently under church discipline. Thankfully their time together seemed to go well, and we trust the Lord T will come back to the Lord and reunite with us again soon. Daniel is also continuing his Bible institute while I'm on furlough and keeps me busy correcting and marking his papers.

Now that spring has come, the ladies of our church have started their backyard Bible club once again. Most of our

Sunday school children are from that neighbourhood, so the potential for an impact on both their lives and the lives of their families is great. We rejoice in the efforts of the ladies and pray that they might see fruit.

We were told this week that Patricio and Candela have decided to get baptized. We're thankful for this young couple and look forward to how the Lord is going to use them in the months and years to come. Please pray that they will continue to be a light to their families and that this step of obedience will make an impact on them for the sake of the gospel.

#### **LOOKING AHEAD**

Thank you to those who have given to our Sunday school needs. We have been able to purchase a Betty Lukens flannel graph set because of your generous giving. As I mentioned in our last letter, it is nearly impossible for us to receive packages in Uruguay, so bringing things back with us the only real viable option to get stuff into the country. We are still looking to purchase Sunday school curriculum as well as some other supplies before we leave.

The other project we are saving for is language school. Up until this point, both Tricia and I have learned the language as much as we can on our own. Now, however, we now see the need to attend a proper language school ([www.spanish-herradura.com](http://www.spanish-herradura.com).) This would require us to relocate six hours away in Montevideo for approximately three months. We would like to maximize our time at the school, so we're looking at attending 20 hours of classes each week. The cost of this is \$280US per person per week. We would also need to obtain a temporary place to stay in the capital. We've been setting aside some money for this and are trusting the Lord we can secure the rest of the funds needed to begin the intensive language program in May or June of the coming year.

As we wind down our furlough, we are praying about what the Lord would have us do for the next leg of our journey in Uruguay. We have a vision of how to reach this country, but we can't do it alone. With less than 2% of Uruguayans born again, there is much work to do, yet so few Christians (and even fewer missionaries!) to do it. Many countries around the world have shut their doors to global workers, yet the door to Uruguay is wide open to anyone who would come. Would you pray with us that the Lord of the Harvest would send labourers into our corner of His harvest field?

Yours for Uruguay,  
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