



The PAULICHEN MISSION



OCTOBER 2026 UPDATE

Our first months in Montevideo have been an adventure, to say the least. In mid-July we moved into the home of the missionaries we're covering for furlough and took over the work. We expected a transition to be challenging, however we didn't expect **so many difficulties so quickly**. Through it all, the Lord has kept opening doors, and **people are growing in their understanding of His Word**.

A NEW SEASON IN MONTEVIDEO

We had a rough introduction to Montevideo. The day after our first Sunday, a church member was in a **serious accident** in the missionaries' car. The vehicle was a complete loss. He was trapped and had to be cut out with the jaws of life, but he miraculously

Praise Report

- People growing in God's word
- The Lord's protection over us
- Gospel opportunities and outreaches
- Tricia's diagnosis and care
- A potential church building for the congregation in Salto

Prayer Requests

- Continued protection and wisdom
- R's mental health and his salvation
- L. & A's spiritual growth, as well as others
- Wisdom regarding Tricia's health
- Ladies meeting in Argentina October 10th
- \$25,000 US for building in Salto

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walked away with two broken ribs and a fracture in his back. Needless to say, we were **suddenly without a ministry vehicle**.

The next day I went to pick up a man for our Tuesday homeless ministry in our personal vehicle. Shortly after he got in, two men suddenly appeared with large rocks, one on each side of the car, and tried to smash the front windows in an **attempted carjacking**. Neither window broke, though the driver's door was badly damaged in the attack. The man on my side got the door open and I drove off with him still hanging from the handle. He finally got smart enough to let go, so we got away safely.

A few weeks later, **three young men jumped me** while on an afternoon jog. They roughed me up badly and took what little I had, including my phone. They tried to take my wedding ring too, but I thank the Lord it wouldn't come off. They finally let me go, and I limped home quite hurt. It took a while, but I'm thankful **the injuries are almost completely healed**.

Since moving here, we've also experienced people exchanging gunfire in front of our house. The missionary who usually lives here has been surprised by all that's happened since we arrived. Apparently—and thankfully—**none of this is normal**.

Montevideo has about 1.5 million people, yet the neighbourhoods are close-knit. Three days after the mugging, while we were giving out food, a man I'd never met said, "I'm sorry they robbed you." God is at work even in these difficult circumstances and we're getting to be known in the area. Even so, it's reminded us of spiritual battle we are in and that **this city needs the gospel**. We're asking the Lord for protection, wisdom, and strength. **Your prayers for us are not in vain**.

REACHING OUR JERUSALEM

Every Tuesday the church cooks a large stew over an open fire, packages it with **gospel tracts**, and takes it to people on the streets. One meaningful encounter was with R., a homeless man in his forties. I listened to his story, **shared the gospel**, and we prayed together. He cried. Two days later I was called because



Spiritual & physical food for the homeless



Children's Day celebrations

he was suicidal and had asked an acquaintance to contact me. The last I heard, he was in hospital care. Please pray that the **gospel seed in his life** will bear fruit.

Wednesday evenings Tricia leads a **children's Bible club**, with songs and a lesson. Several children are faithful to come both to that as well as attend children's church with her on Sundays. Please pray especially for L. and A. Young people like them are part of the future of the church here.

In August we held a **Children's Day outreach**, one of the biggest celebrations for children each year. About 70 people came, including **26 kids**. There were games, face painting, food, singing, and I gave a message from Mark 4 on Jesus calming the storm. Each child left with a goodie bag and a gospel tract. Please pray that the Lord will use what was shared that day to draw families to Himself.

We also hosted a music conference in August. Eighty pastors and people from **six area churches** attended. I taught on sacred, God-honouring music and why it matters for us today. It was encouraging to sing hymns together as believers and help churches think biblically about this topic.

PRAYER FOR US

In September we drove to Argentina so Tricia could return to the hospital where she had surgery. We finally got the **correct brain MRI**. Since its discovery in December, **the meningioma hasn't grown much**, and her neurosurgeon believes this is a good sign. She'll have a yearly MRI, as well as yearly CT scans for the genetic bone disease so any new growths can be caught early.

While there, Tricia was also **diagnosed with Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome**, a genetic condition affecting connective tissue. Neither of her diseases have a known cure, but **a diagnosis is a blessing** after years of seemingly unrelated health issues. Knowing what she's dealing with means she can better care for herself. Please keep praying for her Tricia's health and for wisdom.

Tricia has also been



Music conference in Montevideo

asked to speak at a **ladies' meeting for Mother's Day on October 10th** in northern Argentina at the church where we filled in during 2025. She will be there **October 8-12**. Please pray for safe travel and that the Lord will use her to encourage the ladies.

PRAYER FOR SALTO

As I mentioned in our last letter, the church we planted in Salto **must leave its meeting place by the end of December**. For several years we've **prayed for and looked at properties** where most of our members live. It's the same neighbourhood where we've also had productive home Bible studies with many visitors.

Pastor Daniel and the church have **found a good building they could purchase in the same area**. It needs a bit of work, but there's room to expand. The purchase price is \$35,000 US, and with legal fees, needed repairs, and security, the total cost will be around \$45,000 US. Over the years, our small congregation has already **saved \$20,000 US** towards a purchase, and we're praying that the Lord will provide the **remaining \$25,000 US by early December**.

Please pray with us for this need. If you would like to help, donations can be sent to CanAmera at the Canadian or U.S. address included in this letter. Please mark your gift **SALTO CHURCH**. Most of all, we appreciate your prayers for Pastor Daniel and the church as they seek the Lord's direction.

FURLOUGH 2027

We've begun contacting pastors for our **upcoming furlough**. Our rough itinerary is:

- **March:** Manitoba and Saskatchewan
- **April-July:** Alberta, British Columbia & the Territories
- **August:** Alaska
- **September-mid-October:** the western U.S.
- **Mid-October-November:** the eastern U.S.
- **December-February:** Ontario, Quebec & the Maritimes

I'll be reaching out in the coming days with more details about us and our **ministry in Uruguay since 2018**.

Thank you for praying for us, for the work in Montevideo, and for the church in Salto. There are many challenges, but also many opportunities. **We're grateful to be here.**

Yours for Uruguay,
Marco & Tricia Paulichen



End-of-the-month fellowship

