



AN UPDATE FROM **ANDREW & ANGIE JAMES**

PARKSIDE MISSIONARIES SERVING IN URUGUAY

Dear Parkside Family,

We wanted to give a brief update on life and ministry in Uruguay. During the past year, we've faced a couple important transitions. The first had to do with the schooling situation for our oldest daughter, Nicole. Schools in Uruguay are divided in two segments of six years, and Nicole had to transfer to a new school at the beginning of this year. The new school was in a different part of town, which meant that she couldn't move up with any of her friends.

Knowing our daughter, we imagined the transition would be hard, but we didn't fully anticipate how hard it would be. During the first few months, Nicole really struggled—both because she was having a hard time fitting in and because of her new schedule, as she was spending less time with us. Thankfully, though the transition was hard at first, Nicole started to process the situation in a new light and eventually began making some new friends. Now, she is doing much better.



The second major transition had to do with the church plant. We had moved into a two-year rental facility early in 2022 which, at the time, was suitable to our

needs and allowed us to develop several ministries during the week. When we were about a year away from the contract expiring, we started thinking more seriously about what we would do next. We had the option of extending the rental agreement for another three years (for a total of five), but by then it became evident that it might be better to search for a new facility, given that our current building was starting to reach capacity and that it only has one bathroom (which creates complications on Sundays). The need to look for a new building created an extra layer of stress on top of an already busy ministry schedule. We knew we needed to find a new facility, but we knew it would not be easy finding a new building in the over-crowded urban area we were trying to reach. In addition to this, we were concerned about how the church would finance the move.

Thankfully, after looking at many options and after much time in prayer, we found a facility that was in the place we were trying to reach, and that had everything we need for the church. To our astonishment, God provided not only the location, but also the resources needed to buy it through the generosity of Parkside Church. Looking back, we realize that we really had nothing to worry about. Our Heavenly Father had everything in his hands.

We are currently completing all the legal paperwork needed to purchase this facility and should be able to move in within the next couple of months.



As for our work with ESI (Equipping Servants International), we are thankful for the way this ministry has opened doors to train Uruguayan nationals for church

ministry. This year, we completed the training process with a group of people from our church. It has been wonderful to see how the students have taken what they have learned and applied it to their ministries among women, children, and youth, as well as to their Bible exposition on Sunday mornings. We've found ESI to be a helpful resource in raising up leaders within the local church and hope to keep using this resource in conjunction with church planting in the future.

We thank God for the way he has guided us through these important transitions and thank you for your continued support and prayers.

In Christ,
Andrew and Angie James

Photos: **Page 1:** The James Family, while visiting La Paz, Bolivia. **Page 2:** Church meeting. **Page 3:** ESI graduation.