

URUGUAY

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Wow, August. What a month. Realistically, this month by itself could cover 2 newsletters. This was by far the busiest amount of time I have had while in Uruguay, but I loved it! Here are some of the highlights. At the beginning of the month, I had an amazing opportunity to be a part of a local church's service that celebrated the many immigrants that are in the congregation. I joined one of the other AIMers here at the time, Joey, to help with music for this service. We even got to sing some parts of the songs in English! After the service we all shared dishes that were from our respective cultures. Apparently, tuna salad is not just a US thing. Speaking of AIMer Joey, we were sad to say goodbye to him and his family later that night as their AIM appointment came to a close. I had a great time doing pretty much everything with them for a couple months! In regard to other ministry opportunities, I got to preach in 3 different cities on varying Sundays. One was at a church here in the capital city, Montevideo. Another was about 1-2 hours away by car in a city called San Jose. The third city is called Tacuarembó and was about 5-6 hours away by bus. I made this particular trip a weekend getaway! I had a great time being hosted by the pastor of the church there, who is also the president of the work here in Uruguay. God moved in the service and we had a great time of fellowship late into the night afterwards.

As the month came to a close, I needed to renew my travel visa. The process for doing this is not difficult. I simply had to leave the country and come back. This was convenient since I have friends in Uruguay who used to live in Argentina and had been wanting to bring me to Buenos Aires! Saturday afternoon, we got on a ferry that took us across the Rio de la Plata and into the capital of Argentina. We knew this was a short trip in a large city so we hit the ground running. On Saturday night, we visited much of the central area of the city which included things like the port, Puente de la Mujer, Casa Rosada (where the president lives), and more. Sunday was a day that felt like an entire week. We had breakfast in an extremely elegant restaurant, went on a guided tour through a building that had a large theatre along with art pieces and live music, went to a huge bookstore, rode the subway, walked through the stadium of the biggest fútbol club in Argentina, Boca, ate empanadas, and finally went to church which was held in the evening. It was a fantastic end to an extremely busy, yet exciting month in South America! I look forward to my final month here of this AIM term in September and all that it holds. Dios les bendiga a todos!

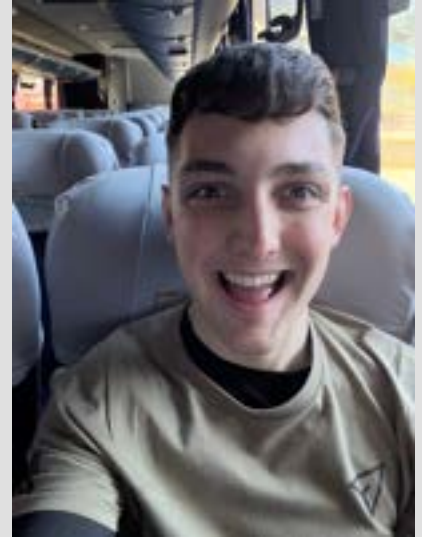
URUGUAY PICS



"EXTRANJEROS" SERVICE



SUNDAY IN SAN JOSE



READY FOR A LONG BUS RIDE



GOODBYE WILBERS :(



*DRUMMER FOR SERVICE
IN TACUAREMBÓ!*



*WITH PASTOR OF
TACUAREMBÓ OUTSIDE
THE CHURCH*



*PASTOR AND WIFE
IN TACUAREMBÓ*

ARGENTINA PICS



PUENTE DE LA MUJER



*MY FRIEND, JORDAN
GREETING THE
CHURCH*



BOCA'S STADIUM



INSIDE THE BOOKSTORE



*INSIDE THE HUGE THEATRE AT
TEATRO COLÓN*



TOUR OF TEATRO COLÓN



CASA ROSADA