



# The Simmons Family

## CHURCH PLANTERS TO URUGUAY



*On Deputation to the Least-Evangelized Nation in Latin America*

September 1, 2021

Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Supporters,

**We Are Approved!** After several months of our application to enter Uruguay being started and stopped, along with the entire process for applying for entry into the country being changed, we are overjoyed to report that we are finally approved to enter Uruguay! Our family has gone through a roller-coaster of emotions these past few months. I must admit that I was frustrated at times during the last few months. On August 19, I read Job 23:10, which states: *"But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold."* I was reminded that waiting time is not wasted time. I am thankful that during this waiting time, we've been able to care for our daughter Emmalynn's health needs regarding her asthma and allergy issues. I am also thankful for the opportunities I've had to lead people to the Lord, which would not have happened had we left when I had originally planned! Thank you for being patient and understanding with us as we've tried to do our best to wait on the Lord's timing. We have tickets to fly out of Chicago on September 14! Please pray that we will be able to leave on time and that we will test negative for the PCR COVID test that we need to take 72 hours before our flight.

**Soul-Winning Fruit:** As I mentioned in our August letter, our church's Spanish Ministry is doing a summer campaign. I was able to spend four to five hours a week in August going soul winning in Milwaukee. God gets all the glory for the 12 people saved, 4 of whom I was personally able to lead to the Lord! I want to highlight a man I met named Darrell. My wife and I knocked on his door on a hot and humid Saturday. He invited us in (what a relief!) and listened to me explain the Gospel. He said that he had "a dark cloud hanging over him," mostly involving the problems with his home. I jokingly responded, "We can step outside to get out of the dark cloud!" We laughed, and he listened to the rest of the Gospel. He responded to the Gospel and trusted in Christ to save Him!

**School Has Begun:** Ethan and Evan started back to school on August 3. Ethan is in second grade, while Evan—who turned five on August 8—started kindergarten. They are working on the *Abeka Academy Video School*, along with the written assignments. Christa does a great job balancing the schooling while also caring for Emmalynn and her other household duties. We do rejoice also that Emmalynn's asthma issues are doing much better.

Thank you so much for continuing to pray for and support us as we endeavor to begin preaching the Gospel and planting churches in Uruguay.

Your missionaries to Uruguay,

Tim, Christa, Ethan, Evan, and Emmalynn Simmons



*Our new family photo (download it from the link in the email)*



*Our Spanish pastor witnessing to a man*



*My mother-in-law worked hard to prepare a meal for the Spanish Ministry as a "thank you" to them.*

### Praise

- Approval to enter Uruguay!
- 4 souls saved!
- Ethan, a 7<sup>th</sup> grader who first came to church in June, is continuing to ride the church bus!

### Prayer

- Spanish Ministry to grow
- Negative COVID tests before our flight
- Our family as we make this transition

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