

# THE TERRYN FAMILY



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Dear Friends,

In our backyard, we have a lot of grass. Although it is summer, and it is quite hot, the grass continues to grow. Almost every week, I have to cut it before it looks like a jungle. But something interesting that can be seen is that as the grass grows, the tip is green but the rest is dry. And I think... aren't people the same? We see them with a smile, but they are dry inside, without having drunk the water that satisfies every soul. We are in sowing time here in Uruguay, sowing the Word, and we remember how some were like those dry pastures, but now they are growing strong with the help of God. We would love for the church to grow in the same way that the grass grows in our house, but we trust that God is the one who does the work. We continue sowing, and we thank God for giving us the privilege of seeing what He does in the lives of people. 1 Corinthians 3:6-8



Juan, Andrea & Belen



We pray you are enjoying His many blessings as you receive this letter. Thank you for holding us up in prayer here in Uruguay during the end of 2023 and as the new year starts. What a wonderful way to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ during our Christmas program in the church. We had a wonderful time of fellowship, testimonies, and learning from the Word of God. The children had a special class, and they really enjoyed it. They took home the story of Christmas and were encouraged to share the true meaning of Christmas with their families. Thank you for praying for those that have once attended church. We have seen one couple return, and they want to grow in the Lord. Amen! Only God can make that happen.

Children's Summer Camp was a great success! We could tell right away many prayers were answered because we saw fruit in big and small things. Our church sent 5 children to Camp in the city of Colonia (an hour away from Nueva Palmira), and for several of them it was the first time they stepped out of their hometown. What a victory that parents were as excited as the children and allowed them to go! Some people here live their whole lives in one town without seeing the need to travel or tour the surrounding areas. So, it was a huge adventure for Violeta, Yasmin, Braulio, Santiago and Belen to get to go to a "big" church and meet 70+ other kids who go to church and know God like they do! Children from 6 churches in the state of Colonia



attended. Most of those churches are new churches that have been founded in the last 5 years. They had so much fun during water games, puppet shows, and delicious meals. The teaching of the Word was clear. There were many moments of small group talks and one on one conversations with Bible teachers. We praise the Lord for good health for the children during this time and how they listened and understood the truths about God's Word. Thank you for praying for these children as they make a huge impact in their homes. None of their families are saved yet, but we pray to God that one day we will see each

whole family in church. We were blessed to have served in several areas during the week: directing the Camp, administration, leading songs, bus route to pick up/drop off children, one-on-one conversations with children, kitchen, and other areas.



We wanted to share Braulio’s testimony. Braulio is 14 years old. He has been coming to church for 2 years now, and we have seen fruit of salvation in his life. Although we cannot share many details, we can say that he comes from a bad family situation. He is so young but has seen so much. This year was the first time in his life that he attended a Christian camp. Although many children were younger than him, he played and laughed more than most. We saw him cry (and so did we) when he got the prize of “Best Camper” at the end of the week. Everybody clapped their hands and were so happy to see him receive a brand-new ball. Leaders all agreed he had a wonderful attitude and participated and helped those around him. God is truly working in his heart as he grows spiritually, even in the darkness of his home. Thank you for praying for him specifically during this coming year!!

The summer is a very busy and blessed time, as usual. I enjoyed teaching at the Baptist Seminary of Colonia once more (in our sending church). This year, we are excited to see 11 young people attending, and, for the first time, there were young women preparing to serve the Lord as well. I was blessed to teach a 20-hour course on the letter of James, with many practical challenges for the young people. Thank you for praying for this summer ministry that is growing and that many of them would soon be ready to take the lead and pastor the young churches in Uruguay. What an investment in eternity!



Our family is doing very well, and we stop every day to thank the Lord for that. Andrea is in the third trimester of her pregnancy, and little baby Ruth is growing healthy. She is expected to be born mid-March. Thank you for praying and for those who have sent individual messages of encouragement and congratulations. The Lord is good, and He answers prayers and gives us more than we can ask for or understand. Amen. Belen is starting 3rd grade on March 4th. She is excited to continue learning new things, and she looks forward to continuing to be a testimony of what God has done in her life to her classmates.



We continue trusting Him as he guides us this year, knowing He is enough to quench the thirst of anyone who believes on Him.

Serving Him with hope,  
Juan, Andrea, Belen and baby Ruth

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