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Dear Prayer Partners,

What a privilege it is to know the Lord as our personal Savior! And that is possible only because two millennium ago God sent His Son to this world to die for our sins. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, let's remember the purpose of His coming and share that good news with others. Being our first Christmas in Uruguay and not being able to move into a permanent house yet, we might not even put up any decorations. With or without the decorations, the purpose of this holiday season remains the same: exalt the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This coming Sunday, December 18th, we'll have our **Christmas program** at church. We're praying that some unsaved friends and visitors will come out and that the Lord would work in their hearts.

Christmas Program

Bible Institute We praise God for the money He has supplied for some of the supplies for the Bible institute. We have been able so far to purchase the laser printer and two courses for the institute. We're also needing to buy more courses, the machine to make spiral notebooks, and a laminator. Also, if we are going to offer any courses on the internet for those who can't come to study in Montevideo, we will need recording equipment. We only mention this because from time to time churches ask us what projects they can help us with. Currently this is our greatest need. **Please pray for the Lord to supply for the Bible institute.** Our plan is to start the institute the beginning of March. Any gifts designated as "Education Fund" will be applied to this need exclusively.

We mentioned in our last prayer letter of starting a discipleship course with Jesús, Ivonne, and their daughter Lucia. Since then we have started two others as well. One with a man named Alvaro along with his wife Laura and their daughter Jazmin. The other study that Kathryn and I are doing is with three ladies and the son of one of them. **Please pray for all these studies to be used by the Lord for the spiritual growth of the individuals.**

Discipleship Courses

Visas We had announced before that in December we would receive word about the permanent status of our residency visas, but when I (Larry) went to the immigration office I found out that the papers had not even been turned in yet. Also, while we had applied for the permanent residency status we've been notified that we'll only be given the temporary status. Evidently that is how everyone that's here for religious purposes is treated. We believe that after we have the actual temporary residency visas, however, that we'll be able to apply for the permanent ones. Of course that means more paperwork and more time, but we know the Lord is in control.

We also ask that you uphold Muriel in prayer. She's the missionary that's been here 60 years serving the Lord. On December 23rd she will be having surgery on her spinal column that has been causing her great pain in her legs.

Muriel

Living now in Uruguay where we're entering the summer, we realize how many of our Christmas traditions are related to having been raised in the north (snow and the cold temperatures). To those living south of the equator such things don't make too much sense. Yet, praise God, the message God has sent us here to share is NOT dependent upon where we are from or our cultural "baggage". The Gospel message is the same for every man, woman, and child on this planet. **Pray that His message will go forth with power during this time.** We wish all of you a joyful Christmas season as you celebrate the coming of God's Son to this world. May He be honored in all we do!

Your Co-laborers in Christ's work, **Larry, Kathryn, and Linda CARLISLE**

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