

But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

- Galatians 5:22-23

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“What are people in Uruguay like spiritually?” is what Maycol was asked by the speaker. Maycol had traveled a long way to respond to this question in front of the 1,400 American college students in the auditorium. We looked on from the audience as our Uruguayan friend paused on the stage, remembered the weeks he spent practicing his English, and continued with the lights shining brightly in his eyes:



Photo: Maycol in Minneapolis, telling 1,500 of the Cru students of the Upper Midwest about what God is doing in his home country of Uruguay

People in Uruguay don't like church; they don't want to hear about God. In my country there are many false churches. They tell people to come and be healed, but they take money from the people. Because of this many Uruguayans do not want to know God. In Uruguay there is a high amount of depression, suicide and atheism. There is very little hope. Only about 8% of Uruguayans are Christians. Out of all of my friends and coworkers, about 80% of them are not Christian.

It's becoming more common to share the Gospel, to hear about Jesus. But there is still much work to do. Many people at the University, if you ask them if they have heard about God, they say, "no, this is my first time". Cru in Uruguay has only 2 staff people for 24 Universities. Out of 24 Universities, only 6 campuses [have people on them who] are sharing the gospel. We dream about having staff at all the universities in the future. There is much potential in Uruguay, and much need for the Gospel.

Maycol is a Uruguayan college student who came all the way to Minneapolis, MN to share what God is doing in Uruguay. He came because two years ago, Jesus transformed his life. Now, he volunteers his time helping to reach others for Christ with Cru on the University campuses in Montevideo, Uruguay. But Maycol needs help.

“Will you come to help me share Jesus with the lost people in Uruguay?” That was the question asked of everyone present. There are over 100,000 college students in the city of Montevideo, many of whom don't know God. We can't wait to join Maycol in Uruguay to help him share the love of Jesus with the university students there. Thank you for being a part of bringing the story of Jesus and His transforming grace to Uruguay.

In Christ,

Caleb + Laura



Prayer Requests

Praise God for the 1,431 students who attended the annual winter conference (TCX Dec. 28 – Jan. 1).

Praise God that Maycol was able to travel to Minneapolis to share personally what God is doing in Uruguay.

Praise God that we're getting closer to being fully funded. Please pray with us that God will quickly complete our support team so that we can report to Uruguay.



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