

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.
- Matthew 5:16

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Fútbol, Maté and Asado... it sounds like Uruguay. Uruguayans love to play fútbol, or soccer, and this past month, we attended a fútbol and cookout event hosted by Vida Estudiantil. We met dozens of Uruguayans while having a great time playing soccer and eating burgers. In the past, these events have led to the start of new relationships. Beyond that, many have heard the story of Jesus for the first time in their lives through events just like this.

We were also privileged to attend a traditional “Asado”, or Uruguayan cookout. An asado is a highlight of Uruguayan culture and cuisine. Various cuts of beef are slowly cooked over a wood burning fire and then enjoyed amongst family and friends. Needless to say, it was incredible.

Finally, we’ve been introduced to “Maté”, a traditional Uruguayan tea-style drink. Hot water is poured over dried leaves of yerba maté, which are most commonly held in hollow gourds. Sipped through a silver straw, or “bombilla”, with a filter on the end, the drink facilitates a great way to pass the time and build relationships. Different Uruguayan friends have patiently explained the ritual of building a Maté and the technique required to drink it.



Caleb with a Men's Small Group Bible Study



The grill or “Parillada” at the the Asado we were invited to attend



A traditional Maté gourd wrapped in leather with a metal rim and straw

All in all, in the last two months we’ve been able to settle into a new home, familiarize ourselves with Uruguayan life and culture, and learn more about the many things that God is doing in Uruguay. As for the next few months, we’ll be returning to the U.S. on May 25th to complete our training in Colorado, and then will head back south to Uruguay in August. We’re so thankful for your partnership, and we look forward to seeing many of you this summer!

Please pray for the Cru summer team from the U.S. that will be arriving here on May 22nd. Pray for them as they seek to share the message of Christ with college students during the next six weeks.



Laura at a women's event, “Chocolate Para Chicas”
Nothing's better than community, hot chocolate, and desserts!

You're Invited! While we're back, we'd love to see you! We would like to invite you to one of our two open houses where we'll share more about what we've learned in Uruguay:

La Crosse, WI Area, 3 - 7 PM, Sunday, June 2nd, in Onalaska, WI
at the home of Brad & Betsy Gerdes (Laura's parents)
506 Coulee Court, Onalaska, WI

Madison, WI Area - Sunday, August 4th, in Cambridge, WI
(more information to come)

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