

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

- Matthew 11:28-30

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“You’ve got to meet my friend, Andrés; he studied abroad in Minnesota!”

Valentina said. Berto and Abbey had just met Valentina on the Engineering campus.

Valentina paused the conversation to quickly text Andrés. Coincidentally, Andrés was just on a different part of campus. He came over right away and after meeting Berto and Abbey, who are from Minnesota, the four decided to meet up Saturday for lunch.



Andrés (second from the right) and Berto (far right) with a group of friends

At Burger King on Saturday, Berto and Abbey heard more about Andrés’s experience living in the United States. Afterward, Andrés asked why they were in Uruguay and Berto and Abbey shared about Vida Estudiantil.

After lunch, Berto and Andrés decided to meet up again later. While sitting in the sun along the river walk downtown, Berto and Andrés started talking about spiritual things. Berto spoke about God’s love and desire to have a personal relationship with

everyone. He also shared about Jesus and how He died for the sins of mankind so that we could know God. Andrés expressed that he believes God exists, but was curious to learn a little more.

At the end of the conversation, Berto invited Andrés to Vida Estudiantil’s weekly meeting on Monday nights. The following Monday, Andrés came and listened to the speaker talk about God’s love and Jesus Christ’s death for sins. It was that night that Andrés put his trust in Jesus as Lord.

While heading home that night, Andrés said to Berto, “When I look at you guys compared to everyone else, I definitely notice a difference.” He went on to explain that seeing the difference in them made him want to have a personal relationship with God.

Ever since that Monday night three weeks ago, Berto and Andrés have continued to stay in touch. Andrés is excited to learn how to read the bible, learn more about Jesus, and grow in his new relationship with God.

We can’t help but get excited for what God may have planned for Andrés in the future. Thank you so much for all of your prayers and support. We look forward to seeing how God will continue to change the lives of people like Andrés here in Uruguay.

In Christ,

Caleb & Laura



Laura learning how to make empanadas, a new favorite Uruguayan meal for the Cooks!

Prayer Requests

Please pray for Andrés as he grows in his relationship with God. Please also pray that more people would come to know Jesus as their Savior like Andrés did.

Please pray for the three new Community Groups that have started on separate campuses this semester. These groups are the start of providing a spiritual resource for students on every campus in the city.

Please also pray for us. We continue to work to build new friendships, move into our new home and city, as well as transition into the language and culture here in Uruguay.



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