

# Christ's Light for All

John 1:9

News from the Sharp family serving the Lord in Uruguay

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## Prayer Requests

- Ask God for safe travels from Uruguay and around the United States as we return for Home Service.
- Praise God for over two years of mission alongside the Lutheran Church of Uruguay and the growth that he has given to this church.
- Ask God to provide the support necessary to continue His mission to the people of Uruguay.
- Thank God for good report cards for the first marking period in Uruguay. Thank Him for great teachers who have worked hard to be flexible and provide for the continued education of our kids during Home Service. Pray for the kids that they can be diligent and keep up with their studies while we are the road.
- Thank God for all the people who make it possible for this ministry to take place with their gifts, prayers, encouragement, and love.
- Thank God for the workers who will be caring for our ministry in Uruguay while we are back in the United States.



## Home Service Schedule!

We are leaving today! If you get this in the mail, we (hopefully) have already made it back to Iowa for our Home Service. There is still some flexibility on weekday appearances. **If we are going to be near your area, please let us know**, we would love to visit people and groups! Here's a look at our upcoming schedule:

**Saturday May 20**  
Mission Central, Mapleton IA

**Sunday May 21**  
Our Savior, Denison IA  
Bethlehem, Dow City IA

**Monday May 22**  
Trinity, Creston IA

**Week of May 22**  
Iowa/Nebraska

**Sunday May 28**  
Park View, Eldridge IA

**Week of May 29**  
Wisconsin/Illinois

**Sunday June 3**  
River of Life, Channahon IL

**Week of June 4**  
Michigan

**Sunday June 11**  
Holy Spirit, Niagara Falls NY

**Week of June 12**  
New York State, Pennsylvania, Ohio

**Sunday June 18**  
St Paul, Hamel IL

**Week of June 19**  
St. Louis Area

**Sunday June 25**  
Faith, Eldersburg MD

**Week of June 26**  
Maryland/Virginia/Ohio/Indiana

**Sunday July 2**  
St John's, East Moline IL

**Week of July 3**  
Illinois/Iowa/Nebraska

**Sunday July 9**  
Zion, Denison IA

**Week of July 10**  
Family Vacation



*Two students were baptized last week!*



# Two Years of Blessings

Two years! It has gone by so quickly that it is hard to believe. In two years, we have traveled thousands of miles by plane, car, and boat; James has preached almost 200 times; the Sharp kids have gone from zero Spanish to their classmates forgetting that they aren't Uruguayan; we have held five VBS activities in three different places that impacted hundreds of unchurched children; we have hit a number of milestones in the City Mission, including the first Confirmation Service on Easter Sunday; we have helped host visitors from all over the world, including meetings of our fellow Lutherans from South America, the Board of Lutheran Hour Ministries, a DCE intern from Concordia Chicago and a student teacher from Concordia Wisconsin. We have met hundreds of people in English and Spanish classes, taken our kids to about 11 million birthday parties (it seems like), made friends, gotten to know the butcher and the gas station attendant and the people that God puts in our lives. And while there are plenty of concrete things we can point to and look back on, we know that God is doing His working and planting His seeds wherever we go. We feed on His Word and Sacrament even as our ministry feeds others, and we know that we won't always be the ones to see that seed bear fruit. We are excited to come back to the USA to reconnect with our family, friends, and supporters as well tell the story of what God is doing in Uruguay. We are even more excited to return to this ministry and keep working with our brothers and sisters in the Lutheran Church of Uruguay to proclaim forgiveness of sins and eternal life by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

**We know we would not be doing this important work without your help.  
For your prayers, support, and encouragement, THANK YOU!**

**Yours in the True Light, James, Angie, Elias, Ambrose, Callie, & Maggie John 1:9**

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