

Too many online classes, a great opportunity to reach more students than ever

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Dear brothers and sisters,

We write to you with great joy and gratitude for all that God is doing in our lives and ministry.

In August, our son, **Juan Pablo**, was able to fly to Los Angeles in order to continue his studies at The Master's University. It was not easy to book a flight for him, due to COVID-19 restrictions, but the Lord provided. Many of you were praying for this—thank you! Moreover, we have been overwhelmed by God's provision for Juan Pablo's tuition and board. He will be able to cover the former with scholarships and by working on campus, and the latter through the generous hospitality of our son and daughter-in-law.



Juan Pablo with Ainsley Peluffo our beloved Californian granddaughter

Monica and I feel as though we have started a new life. We really enjoy the time we spend together as a couple. We thank God for our marriage and that we are able to see our children walking with the Lord.

Regarding church ministry, we have been **meeting outdoors** for two months now. The restrictions have greatly affected our attendance, but we are excited that we have been able to reach a greater amount of people through the videos that we upload to our website every week. The focus of our teaching in the local church context has been on our identity as God's family, seeking to love each other in more personal ways, encouraging and exhorting one another each day (Heb 3:12–13).



Jonathan leading the Lord's Table last month

As for our IDEAR institute, God has given us more students than ever. Right now there are 93 online students, from different countries. What surprises us most is what is happening with the **“Church Planting”** course taught by Pastor Alex Montoya. Some pastors who took that class in August asked us to enroll a group of students from their own congregations, so that together they could use the class material to build a planting team for the future. Therefore, right now the Church Planting class is our “star” class with

44 students, of which 11 are regular students, and the rest are three groups from different congregations that have embarked on planting projects.

The screenshot shows a web interface for an online course. On the left is a vertical navigation menu with icons and text: 'Página de Inicio', 'Programa del curso', 'Módulos', 'Calificaciones', 'Personas', 'Anuncios', 'Conferencias', 'Colaboraciones', 'Foros de discusión', 'Tareas', 'Rúbricas', 'Archivos', 'Evaluaciones', 'Páginas', 'Competencias', and 'Configuraciones'. The main content area has a header 'Plantación de Iglesias' and a sub-header 'Bienvenido a PLANTACIÓN DE IGLESIAS'. Below the text is a photograph of a wooden crate filled with tools. On the right side, there is a sidebar with buttons: 'Editar', 'Importar contenido existente', 'Elegir página de inicio', 'Ver flujo de información del curso', 'Lista de comprobación de la configuración del curso', 'Nuevo anuncio', 'Vista del estudiante', 'Ver análisis del curso', and 'Ver notificaciones del curso'. The top navigation bar shows 'MP 901 - Plantación de Iglesias > Programa del curso'.

This is the welcome page for our online class on church planting

In addition to the classes we offer through pre-recorded videos, we have been **teaching Zoom courses** to two different churches every week. Every Tuesday night, we meet with a group of six churches from Buenos Aires, focusing on “How to Study the Bible”. Initially, this was a group of 120 people. Every Thursday night, we meet with a second group of six churches from Paraguay to study “OT Survey I”. This group started off with about 130 people. While these numbers of students have not persevered over the weeks, pastors and leaders of all the churches have continued to study with us. This allows us to strengthen our strategic ties with churches in different places that have a strong commitment to the sufficiency of the Scripture.



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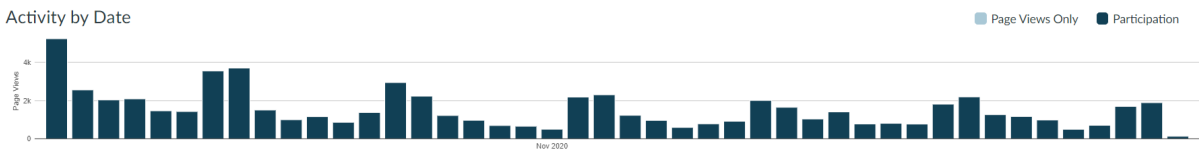
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The analytics page of our online campus. Too many students for too few teachers

We finished the year very tired, but with a lot of enthusiasm for all that God is doing through us. Our future plans are only tentative due to the uncertainty of travel and necessary quarantines in different countries. We ask that you continue to pray for us and for the opportunities that God gives us to build His kingdom. We always pray for you, thanking God for your lives and asking that He will reward you greatly now and in glory as you continue to invest in missions. You are in our hearts all the time, and much more now, with Thanksgiving approaching.

Prayer Requests:

- * Salvation of Piro, Alejandro's father
- * Studies of Juan Pablo at TMU
- * Trip to Paraguay for a Church Building Inauguration in January 2021
- * Church planting movement with IDEAR students
- * Add two more courses in February 2021
- * Another TMS graduate in our faculty team

Thanks for your faithful and loving care

Alejandro & Monica

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