

Greetings family and friends of Pearce Memorial,

We are so glad to see this new season at Pearce, and are encouraged that God who brought you this far will continue His work in you to bring about His Kingdom in North Chili, Rochester, and beyond. We know 2020 hasn't been easy, but we also know God is still seated on His Throne, and He is still at work with you and through you, for His Glory!

We are writing today with bittersweet news. After much prayer and counsel, we have decided to step down from our position of Free Methodist VISA Missionaries to Uruguay. We feel that this season with two young kids, and the possibility for more, is very difficult for us to navigate. Doing full time ministry is hard enough with young kids, and it's exponentially more difficult when there is no support nearby. We desire to be the best parents we can be, because our children are our second ministry. The first is our marriage. We realize that the more hats we have to wear, the less our kids receive from us. We are supremely saddened by this decision, as we love our calling and what we were able to do for the Kingdom. But we are also encouraged for two reasons. The first is that we sense God's loving, guiding presence in this decision, and that He has something wonderful for us in the next season. The second is because we see a fire in the Uruguayan leaders that didn't exist before. They are passionate, and equipped, to reach their country for Christ. We were able to do three consecutive Saturday outreach events in October, and seeing these faithful leaders go all in for the Gospel was a sight to see. We know the transition is hard, but we also know God is ever more faithful. He will not let the work here fizzle. And He will not forsake us as we establish a life in the U.S.

We plan to call Grand Rapids, MI home for the foreseeable future, and as such we won't be able to connect near as much as we could if we lived in Rochester. It is our desire to do a "post-field" visit to Pearce sometime between March and May of 2021. We want to connect with you in person, share what God has done on the field, and give our sincerest thanks.

We also have two requests for your congregation to consider in this season. The first is about our support. We obviously don't need a full year of support, as we likely should be finishing all pertinent Free Methodist work by May. Would Pearce be willing to support us up to May of 2021 in order to help our family land well? This is a huge life transition, and we plan on being actively involved in Free Methodist work until May, and after that we plan on looking for "normal" jobs.

The second thing we wish to plant as a seed is the long term support of Uruguay. Even though we are leaving, we are still planning on maintaining a role as advocates/ambassadors for the country of Uruguay. We would love to share how God is using the local Free Methodist church here in phenomenal ways. Uruguay is separating from the Argentina district, and they will desperately need long-term partnership to achieve the work God is calling them to. Would Pearce prayerfully consider partnering with Uruguay through the Church Planting Development accounts (CPD) after our season of support ends?

We know that this is big news and that there may be questions. We are definitely open to having a call to give an answer to any questions that may arise.

We cannot thank you enough for your support through the years! We were able to live into our calling because you were faithful to the Kingdom. And we know that the prayers you offered before the Throne moved Heaven and Earth. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

In Christ,
Michael and Andrea Green