



the Brileys

To Uruguay



Dear co-labourers in Christ,

This is an abbreviated, printable version of our May 2026 Update. If you missed the full version with pictures, please email me at brileysforchrist@gmail.com. Remember, our Facebook page (Briley for Christ) is the most updated source for information on our ministry.

Beth and I want to thank you once again for your support and prayers, though I feel our expressed gratitude is an unworthy response for such great provisions. I have been amazed how often various saints text or email me, informing me they are praying for us specifically. More and more I am keenly aware of the spiritual nature of our work, and that **prayer, that special access to the throne of grace, is the key to our success**. Prayer connects us to God - the Source of all power and wisdom. As Jesus told us - "Without me ye can do nothing." (Jn. 15:5) Thank you for praying. A thousand times...thank you.

By God's grace, we've reached 90% of our support! It's crazy how time flies. February, March, and April were filled with travel, presenting our ministry, and preaching on missions. Beginning in May, Beth has stayed home from traveling in order to fully focus on packing and homeschooling. Besides meetings and traveling, my days have been filled with figuring out logistics for shipping our container to Uruguay.

In my last letter, I communicated with you the need to raise our O&P (outfit and passage) costs, totaling \$68,319. I'm happy to report that, through the giving of God's people, our O&P fund has increased from \$7,000 to \$29,000 in the last three months. Please continue to pray. Our objectives this year include reaching 100% monthly support and O&P funds, shipping our belongings to Uruguay in June-July, and taking a survey trip this summer.

As we draw closer and closer to the end of the deputation journey, my mind is more and more focused on the mission in Uruguay. This has brought about an unexpected feeling - fear; more specifically, the fear of failing. I know it doesn't sound spiritual, especially for someone who is supposed to lead other spiritually, but there it is. Missionaries face fear, too. However, **fear is no match for the promises of God!** The Lord has encouraged me greatly with Scriptures like Joshua 1:9 and with divinely-timed sermons about fear. Matthew 28:20 has been especially comforting and encouraging. Jesus knew we'd face fears, and so, after commanding us to go into all the world and make disciples, He promised us "...and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

In March we participated in a missions conference in Greenville, SC. The first two nights, the special speaker preached against fear as it relates to the Great Commission. I remember because I was greatly

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encouraged by it. Half way through the conference, though, the speaker died of a heart attack. It was a shock to everyone, but it also made a huge impact as well. This veteran missionary, a long-time laborer in the harvest, spent his final hours strengthening soldiers' hearts with the promises of God and the truths of His Word, and leading the charge against Hell. The conference theme was "The Night Is Coming". His night came. We don't know when our night will come, so while it is day, let's work!

PRAISES

- 16 new supporters since February (%90!)
- Passports and Beth's Uruguayan ID updated
- O&P fund slowly, but surely going up
- My mom able to fly up from Costa Rica to help with kids while we pack and attend meetings

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Smooth shipment of our belongings, and wisdom to plan it
- Need to raise rest of O&P funds and support
- Wisdom regarding kids schooling (homeschooling is generally illegal in Uruguay)

We love you and are so thankful for your friendships, kindness toward us, your prayers, and your financial investment in this ministry. May God continue to give you and us the grace to do His work.

In Christ,

John and Beth Briley
(Levi, Judah, Benji, Abby)

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