



the Brileys

To Uruguay



Dear co-labourers in Christ,

This is an abbreviated, printable version of our August 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.

May and June were heavily busy as we prepared to ship our container and leave for our survey trip in July. Beth mostly stayed in Greenville, SC packing for the move and doing homeschool with the kids. This was an incredibly challenging task, but she did an amazing job, and I couldn't be more proud of her! In addition to attending scheduled meetings, I spent a lot of time communicating with our "despachante" (a customs agent who will represent us when the container arrives in Montevideo) and the Uruguayan Consulate in Miami. During that time, **Crossroads Baptist Church in Imlay City, MI helped us acquire a 50x70 ft revival tent to take to the mission field!** It came with chairs, all the stakes, center poles, lighting, and even some solar lights for outside. Please pray we can raise the money for shipping it to Uruguay. We can't wait to put this to use on the field!

On July 1, we loaded and shipped our container with the help of family and friends, and a few days later on July 6th we arrived in Uruguay. So far, our survey trip has been full of many unexpected challenges, some bigger than others. I've been to the ER 3 times for kids getting sick and for a bad rib injury that I sustained while playing soccer the first week we were here. I had no idea it took so long for ribs to heal. In the US, we traveled tens of thousands of miles for deputation, and never had a scrape, but since being here, I've had three minor accidents. No injuries, thankfully, but definitely dents in the vehicles I was driving. **Mistakes and setbacks are expected, but there have been great blessings, too!** We've been able to visit five churches, share the Gospel to many children on Dia del Niño (Children's Day), preach and Beth speak at a ladies' meeting, go out door knocking (actually, they clap at people's doors here), and do some discipleship with young believers. I've learned the currency exchange rates, and switched to thinking in centimeters instead of inches. We are excited to share that we found a house to rent! Little by little we are fixing it up, and purchasing some furnishings that we decided not to bring in the container. We can't wait to finally settle into our new home.

The boys have unconsciously added "conversational Spanish and Uruguayan culture" to their school subjects, and they are excelling! They even call me "Pa" or "Papi" instead of "Daddy" now. In August we celebrated Levi and Benji's birthdays, and our wedding anniversary.

Throughout all the unexpected twists and turns over the last several months, we've practiced trusting, waiting, and tried to practically live out the sovereignty of God, and do it in the Spirit! One particular display of

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His sovereignty happened just this week. For years I have been planning and saving to take Beth to Costa Rica (where I was raised and where my parents still serve) for our tenth anniversary. I was determined to make this trip happen because, after all, our marriage is important! I would get to see my parents, they could watch the kids while Beth and I got away for a few days, and the kids could have some long overdue time with their grandparents. It was the perfect time to do it (or so I thought) heading back to the US from our survey trip. I bought the tickets, and the dates were set - strategically just in case the container was delayed, and we'd need extra time to get it unloaded. I wasn't going to let anything ruin that trip. Then...something did. The container WAS delayed...for four weeks! We were originally told to plan for a few days or maybe a week delay, but not four weeks. To my very great dismay, we had to cancel the anniversary trip. I couldn't believe it. I just kept thinking, "God knows." However, just two days before we were originally supposed to arrive in Costa Rica, my grandmother had a serious health emergency (please pray for her) forcing my mother to make a sudden trip to Texas. **If we had gone to Costa Rica, my mother would not have even been able to be there. God knew!**

We are in our last few weeks of our survey trip in which we hope to receive our container and get somewhat settled into our new home before heading back to the states to finish deputation. Our support level is close to 100%. Praise the Lord! **Our biggest goal now is raising the rest of our outfit and passage funds (about \$35,000)** most of which will be for purchasing a vehicle once we get back to Uruguay. Thank you to those of you who have been giving toward this! Thank you for loving us and praying for us and our ministry. May God bless you as you continue to serve the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords!

PRAISES

- God gave us a tent!
- The survey trip has been very educational and practically helpful!
- Full fall deputation schedule

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Quick and smooth delivery of container
- Need to raise the rest of O&P funds
- Strength and endurance as we head back into a busy fall season filled with traveling and meetings.
- Funds to ship tent to Uruguay

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

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