



URUGUAY MISSION



- *Standing steadfast in South America's most atheistic nation*
- *Coupling Word and Sacrament with community engagement in five locations*
- *Reinforcing Christian education for 1000+ school children*

LCMS efforts in Uruguay, known as South America's most atheistic nation, began among German and Slovenian immigrants in the 1930s. Current efforts are a mix of urban, rural, and school ministries by a team of three church-planting missionary pastors and a deaconess working with a local parish pastor and a Brazilian school chaplain.

Since 2015, LCMS missionaries Rev. James and Angela Sharp have used activities like English and sewing classes to entice locals to visit the mission in downtown Montevideo. With each class, visitors are introduced to the Gospel. Rev. Phil and Deaconess Rachel Jaseph arrived in 2022 and now serve alongside the Sharps in Montevideo. They are beginning outreach at a new mission site.

Nearby St. Paul Lutheran School is a mission opportunity with its 1000+ enrollment. All grade levels benefit from a Lutheran chaplain and receive catechism instruction.

Worship facilities were dedicated in 2022 in Salto, Uruguay's second-largest city, and in Chapicuy. Each site is home to a growing group of new Lutherans served by Brazilian Alliance Missionary Pastor Maicon Schieferdecker. In addition, outreach is beginning in Paysandú in northern Uruguay.

We pray that the Lord will continue to bless the work in this challenging field.

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