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### ALONG THE WAY . . .

It has been three years since we last published a pictorial newsletter of all the EMU missionaries. Although the layout is basically the same, due to a lack of imagination on my part, there are a number of changes. A few photos are of new missionaries; several of our families, since three years ago, have added children through birth; other families have had children become adults and move out of the home or get married; and some of our missionaries have retired, so are no longer included on the picture pages, though their names and status are mentioned on the two information pages. We trust that this updated photo spread will be a help to you as you pray for the EMU family of missionaries.

We are thrilled to be able to introduce you to the family of **Henry and Patricia Castro** of Guazuvirá, Uruguay. They moved to Camp Emmanuel in southern Uruguay from Rivera in the north in October 2020. The caretaker house had to be completely rebuilt to bring it up to code. The Castros, after living in the casita for months, were finally able to move into their “new” house just before Christmas. Henry and his boys, along with **Pedro Donze**, **Marcos Gomez**, and pastors and church members from EMU churches worked on the house diligently for many weeks. God has blessed Henry with an outstanding aptitude for all things pertaining to construction. And the Lord provided him for our camp just as we were losing our caretaker of many years. My brother, **Rick Jensen**, has worked closely with Henry  
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## A HANDYMAN’S CALL

by Henry Castro, caretaker of Camp Emmanuel in Uruguay

My name is Henry Castro and I am forty-two years old. I am originally from the city of Rivera, located in the north of Uruguay on the border with Brazil. My parents have attended Calvary Temple of Rivera, an EMU church, since I was two years old. Eutemio Echebengua was the pastor at that time. In that context, I grew up in a Christian home that followed the ways of the Lord.

Sadly, in my teen years, a time when many teens become rebellious, I strayed from God’s path. It was during the years 2000-2001 when I clearly left my Christian family and God. During that time, I married Patricia, who is still my wife today. We had three children during those early years: Daniel, Gabriel, and Emanuel. I continued walking in the world, but God’s plans are wonderful.

In 2012, the company I worked for sent me to Maldonado to work. While I was there, without my family, I felt the compelling need to search for God. It was then that I started attending the church where brother Roberto Alvez was pastoring. After a few months, the company sent me back to Rivera, and I continued attending church where I had grown up. Then, after reading the Bible in my house one day, I prayed. Under God’s leading, I found myself begging for forgiveness for my sins and acknowledging my faults as I accepted Christ into my heart as my only and sufficient Savior. A passage from the Bible started to resonate in my mind and heart - Proverbs 22:6, “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will



(l-r) Gabriel, **Patricia**, Emanuel, **Henry**, & Daniel Castro

not depart from it.” I went astray from God’s ways for many years, but He continued to work in my life. In His plan he kept me by His side and under His wings. He constrained my heart until I acknowledged my total dependence upon Him. My wife Patricia had a

similar experience. Both of us were taken to church by our parents throughout our childhoods. In fact, that is where we met. Sometime after I had gotten saved, Hector’s wife, Graciela, was discipling Patricia. (By this time, Hector Gomez was the pastor of the church.) It happened that one day when I got home after work, I found my wife crying, and Graciela said to me (with much joy), “this is my sister in Christ!” My wife’s conversion was another answer to prayer.

Sometime after that, an opportunity came for me to work during the annual work week at Camp Emmanuel in Guazuvirá. It was there one day, after the various jobs were finished, that God spoke to me and I knew that I wanted to serve Him with what I could do. I do not know how to preach, and I am not gifted with words, but God prepared me with skills and wisdom in many areas of “handy work.”

As soon as I arrived back in Rivera, I went to talk to my pastor, Héctor Gómez, so we could pray about my calling, which by then was very clear to me. I had no idea that there would ever be an opportunity in Uruguay for me to serve doing the type of work that I know. After that meeting, only Héctor and I knew about my calling, and it was a very important matter of prayer  
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for me. After a few years, Pedro Donzé, the camp director, started telling me about Luis Rios’ planned retirement and the need at camp for someone to take his place. With much joy I continued to pray even more, and I continued to ask God for His leading in this matter. Then in 2019 I told my wife about my desire and proposed the possibility of our family filling that need at Camp Emmanuel. With great joy she immediately agreed and supported me. Her response confirmed the calling and prayers which until then I had only shared with Héctor. Now many more became involved in praying with us.

By God’s grace, my family is now living at Camp Emmanuel *(as of October 2020)*. We

thank God for the answers to prayer and for the encouragement of seeing the wonders He has worked on our behalf. It was through many adversities that we made it here, especially during our last month in Rivera. But we continue to have the confidence and joy of knowing we are doing what pleases God and that we are obeying His plans for us.

I could tell you many other things that happened along the way, but I don’t want to make this testimony too long. I just want to say to you, my brothers and sisters in Christ, that it is a privilege to be able to serve God full-time. I thank Him for bringing me here. And I thank Him that it did not happen in the middle of hard circumstances when I did not have a job or when I had other needs. It happened by His will and the work that He did in me, and that He will continue to work in me and in my family.

This whole process flowed in a natural manner. For many years I lived convinced but not converted. Today I enjoy my conversion and the work that He does in me, in spite of my mistakes (Romans 7:7). This passage reminds me that I am not the only one struggling with sin, but I am upheld and encouraged by His Word. It gives us clear and precise answers, encourages us, lifts us up, and instructs us. I tell others that our life manual is the Bible. Without the inspired Word, we would not know how to walk in this world. God’s mercies are infinite, and I have been able to experience them through the years and now as I have worked these few months at Camp Emmanuel. God has shown us His love, power, and sovereignty every day. †

**Hernandez’s family** had coronavirus in Cancun, Mexico; **Michael Cole** contracted the virus after coming Stateside from France; and **Matt Hancock** in Cambodia believes he had it. All these folks are doing fine now. However, one of our EMU Board members, **Dan Sallé**, has been very ill with COVID for weeks in ICU. He seems to be showing some slight glimmers of hope. And several friends of our family and of EMU have been or are gravely ill from the ravages of this virus. Thank you for your prayers.

Amazingly, during this time of chaos, **Alexis Shoemaker** was able to move to Lima, Peru, to begin her year of ministry in the church that **Tim and Cheryl Chapman** started in that enormous capital city. Though only there less than a month, she is immersed in the language and culture. She does need to find a more permanent apartment to rent by March. The Peruvian government’s COVID restrictions have become much tighter, and the Chapmans’ church has gone back to on-line services.

The **Crnkovic’s** second daughter had to postpone her wedding indefinitely this winter in Croatia because of stricter regulations, and all schools are now virtual. However, the virus was not able to delay the addition of another grandchild to **Jeff and Joanna Davis’** collection in January.

Several of our missionaries who are Stateside - the **Kanes**, **Coles**, **Espinels**, **Steels**, and **Davises** - will be having services in February. Pray for successful meetings.

And thanks to each of you who uphold the work of EMU in prayer before the Lord, from Whom all blessings flow. May the God Who continues to supply our every need continue to supply yours as well. The Lord bless you! †

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*Gabriel, Patricia, Emanuel, Henry, & Daniel Castro  
in Guazuivira at Camp Emmanuel*



*Pedro, Patricia, & Maxi Donz   
Uruguay office & Camp Emmanuel*



*Tali & Marcos Gomez  
Uruguay office & Camp Emmanuel*



*Carlos & Beatriz Alberti  
volunteer secretary of Camp Emmanuel*



*Lucas, Rosanna, & Gabriel Gomez  
in Montevideo*



*Alejandra & Gustavo de Oliveira  
in Montevideo*



*Kristine, Megan, Matias, Emma,  
Sofia, & David Espinel  
FEBU*



*Elizabeth, John Mark, Daniel, & Deborah Steel  
FEBU & Bible Institute*



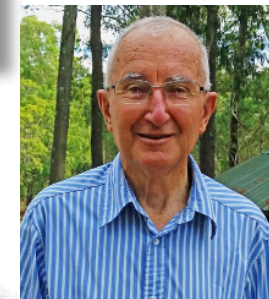
*Maria Teresa (Chicha) Rodriguez  
in Montevideo*



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*Julia Alvarez  
in La Charqueada*



*Jose Kowalczyk ‡  
in Durazno*



*Rubito & Marita Rodriguez  
in Treinta y Tres*



*Graciela & Hector Gomez\*  
in Rivera*



*Ricardo, Mayka, & Gabriel Windmoller  
in Vergara*



*Cristina & Pablo Billaf n  
in Rivera*



*Ovidio & Yusara Acevedo  
in El Cerro*



*Mabel & Carlos Olivera  
in Pando*



*Carlos & Graciela Pereira \*  
in Tacuaremb *



*Alberto & Carolina Diaz  
in San Fernando*



*Juan, Noemi, Esteban, & Diego  
Gonz lez in Montevideo*

*Inactive retirees:*  
\* = active retiree  
‡ = widow(er)  
Elsa Camacho ‡  
Julia Piedad  
Docila Torres ‡  
Marianne Rauter  
Alicia Rossi ‡  
Ursula Thiessen





Joanna, Jeff, & Hannah Davis  
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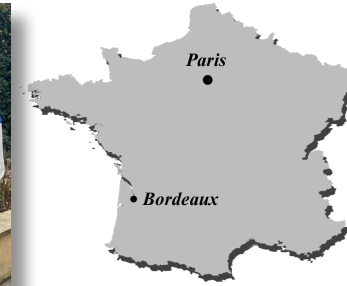
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Zacharie, Miriam, **Tim**, Gabriel, **Ruth**,  
Siméon, & Micaiah Bixby in Paris, France



Mathieu, Adeline, **Michael**, Thomas, **Liz**,  
& Viviane Cole in Bordeaux, France



Abigail, Micah, Lauren, **Tim**, & Cheryl Chapman in  
Lima, Peru



Alexis Shoemaker  
in Lima, Peru



Charity, Steve, Jacob, Caleb,  
& Luke in Beijing, China



Saritha, Bernice, Keren, & Billy Judson  
in Hyderabad, India



Marko, Kristina, **Kornel**, Tanja, Natanael, &  
Andrea Crnkovic in Koprivnica, Croatia



Connie & Tom Chapman  
in Antofagasta, Chile



Leydi, Rebeca, Pascual, & Aurora Balam  
in Chemax, Mexico



Daniela, **Daniel**, Marisol, Damaris, &  
Yamilet Hernandez, in Cancún, Mexico



Ted & Marla Allston  
10/40 Window



Brooke Illsley  
in Stung Treng, Cambodia



Abigail, **Bonnie Ruth**, Elisha, Eden, Judson, Salem,  
Gloria, Henry, Isobel, & **Jeremy Farmer**  
in Stung Treng, Cambodia



Dolores & Ciro Alvarado  
in Santa Martha, Mexico



Gwendolyn & Marco Nuñez  
in Cancún, Mexico



Katherine, Tomas & Kleyni Noh  
in Playa del Carmen, Mexico



Deysi, Lupita, & Vicente Puc  
in Valladolid, Mexico



Martha & Jose Luis Uc  
in Becal, Mexico



Ezekiel, **Toño**, Karina, & Yohani  
Alvarado in Cancún, Mexico



Jedediah, Hans, **Becky**, Ethan, **Matt**, Hope,  
& Jonathan Hancock in Cambodia



Kim & JD Crowley  
in Ban Lung, Cambodia



Jackson, Sophia, Julia, **Brian**, Brianna,  
Mia, **Lydia**, Natalia, & Hugh Kane  
in Ban Lung, Cambodia



Becca, Ezra, **Joshua**, Anna, Amy, Micah,  
Clara, & Isaiah Jensen in Oyadao, Cambodia



## Cambodia

### Crowley, JD and Kim

*Field of Service:* Ban Lung, Ratanakiri  
*Ministry:* Christian Literature Writing & Translation, Bible Teacher  
*Entered EMU:* 1993  
*Children:* 5 - married  
Nathaniel - May 10, 2001

### Farmer, Jeremy and Bonnie Ruth

*Field of Service:* Stung Treng  
*Ministry:* Bible Teacher, Laotian tribal groups  
*Entered EMU:* 2009  
*Children:* Abigail - March 17, 2004  
Isobel - April 20, 2005  
Gloria - August 14, 2006  
Eden - April 16, 2008  
Judson - February 7, 2010  
Salem - October 12, 2011  
Henry - November 22, 2014  
Elisha - October 28, 2016

### Hancock, Matt and Becky

*Field of Service:* Ou Reang Ov  
*Ministry:* Church Planter, Bible Teacher  
*Entered EMU:* 2013  
*Children:* Jonathan - August 10, 2010  
Jedidiah - February 12, 2013  
Hope - December 13, 2014  
Hans - May 28, 2017  
Ethan - May 15, 2019

### Illsley, Brooke

*Field of Service:* Stung Treng  
*Ministry:* Home Schooling  
*Entered EMU:* 2014

### Jensen, Joshua and Amy

*Field of Service:* Oyadao  
*Ministry:* Jarai Translation, Bible Teacher  
*Entered EMU:* 2012  
*Children:* Rebecca - November 26, 2009  
Isaiah - June 1, 2012  
Anna - April 11, 2014  
Clara - March 13, 2016  
Ezra - August 13, 2018  
Micah - November 16, 2020

### Kane, Brian and Lydia

*Field of Service:* Ban Lung, Ratanakiri  
*Ministry:* Krung Translation, Bible Teacher  
*Entered EMU:* 2003  
*Children:* Mia - July 17, 2004  
Sophia - April 15, 2006  
Hugh - November 17, 2007  
Jackson - August 30, 2009  
Julia - July 21, 2011  
Brianna - December 23, 2013  
Natalia - June 2, 2016

## Chile

### Chapman, Tom and Connie

*Field of Service:* Antofagasta  
*Ministry:* Church Planter  
*Entered EMU:* 1987  
*Children:* 6 - married

## China

### Steve and Charity

*Residence:* Beijing  
*Ministry:* Bible Teacher/Discipleship  
*Entered EMU:* 2003  
*Children:* Caleb - September 18, 2004  
Luke - February 23, 2006  
Jacob - October 24, 2007

## Croatia

### Crnković, Kornel and Tanja

*Field of Service:* Koprivnica  
*Ministry:* Co-Pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church  
*Entered EMU:* 1994  
*Children:* Andrea - November 16, 1998  
Kristina - July 31, 2000  
Marko - July 3, 2004  
Natanael - January 14, 2008

## India

### Judson, Billy and Saritha

*Field of Service:* India  
*Ministry:* Good News Bible College and Seminary  
*Entered EMU:* 2015  
*Children:* Bernice - October 22, 2013  
Keren - December 4, 2018

## France

### Bixby, Tim and Ruth

*Field of Service:* Sarcelles  
*Ministry:* Church Planter  
*Entered EMU:* 2007  
*Children:* Micaiah - June 5, 2003  
Miriam - February 20, 2005  
Zacharie - December 16, 2009  
Gabriel - February 8, 2012  
Siméon - April 9, 2019

### Cole, Michael and Liz

*Field of Service:* Bordeaux  
*Ministry:* Church Planter  
*Entered EMU:* 2007  
*Children:* Viviane - March 18, 2007  
Adeline - December 16, 2009  
Mathieu - September 20, 2011  
Thomas - May 13, 2014

## Mexico

### Alvarado, Ciro and Dolores

*Field of Service:* Santa Martha, Chiapas  
*Ministry:* Church Planter  
*Entered EMU:* 2000  
*Children:* 2 - married  
1 - single adult

### Alvarado, Antonio “Toño” and Karina

*Field of Service:* Cancún  
*Ministry:* Youth Pastor  
*Entered EMU:* Toño-2000; Karina-2003  
*Children:* Yohani - November 28, 2009  
Ezekiel - February 18, 2013

### Balam, Pascual and Leydi

*Field of Service:* Chemax, Yucatan  
*Ministry:* Church Planter  
*Entered EMU:* 2001  
*Children:* 2 - single adults  
Aurora - April 20, 2006  
Rebeca - February 25, 2011

### Hernandez, Daniel and Marisol

*Field of Service:* Cancún  
*Ministry:* Church Planter (Intern)  
*Entered EMU:* 2019  
*Children:* Yamilet - November 18, 2010  
Daniela - August 5, 2012  
Damaris - Nov. 18, 2020

### Noh, Tomas and Kleyni

*Field of Service:* Playa del Carmen  
*Ministry:* Church Planter  
*Entered EMU:* 2009  
*Children:* Katherine - September 12, 2012

### Nuñez, Marco and Gwendolyn

*Field of Service:* Cancún  
*Ministry:* Pastor of First Fundamental Baptist Church  
*Entered EMU:* 1995

### Puc, Vicente and Deysi

*Field of Service:* Valladolid, Yucatan  
*Ministry:* Church Planter  
*Entered EMU:* 2010  
*Children:* 1 - single adult

### Uc, Jose Luis and Martha

*Field of Service:* Becal, Campeche  
*Ministry:* Church Planter  
*Entered EMU:* 2003  
*Children:* 1 - married  
2 - single adults

## Peru

### Chapman, Tim and Cheryl

*Field of Service:* Lima  
*Ministry:* Church Planter  
*Entered EMU:* 2004  
*Children:* Lauren - January 23, 2003  
Micah - September 14, 2005  
Abigail - February 14, 2007

### Shoemaker, Alexis

*Field of Service:* Lima  
*Ministry:* Children, Youth, Young Women  
*Entered EMU:* 2020

## USA

### Davis, Jeff and Joanna

*Residence:* Greer, SC  
*Ministry:* Director of EMU  
*Entered EMU:* 2016  
*Children:* 3 - married  
Hannah - December 16, 1999

### Jensen, Marilyn

*Residence:* Taylors, SC  
*Ministry:* Retired Widow  
*Entered EMU:* 1967  
*Children:* 3 - married

### Jensen, Ken and Joan

*Residence:* Taylors, SC  
*Ministry:* Assistant Director of EMU  
Joan - Office Administrator  
*Entered EMU:* 1976  
*Children:* 3 - married

### Wingrove, Mel and Jan

*Residence:* Leicester, NC  
*Ministry:* retired January 2018  
*Entered EMU:* 2001  
*Children:* 2 - married

## 10/40 Window

### Allston, Ted and Marla

*Residence:* Greenville, SC  
*Ministry:* Bible Teacher in 10/40 Window  
*Entered EMU:* 2008  
*Children:* 3 - married

## Uruguay

### Acevedo, Ovidio and Yusara

*Field of Service:* El Cerro  
*Ministry:* Pastor of Emmanuel Church  
*Entered EMU:* 1988  
*Children:* 1 - married  
1 - single adult

### Alberti, Beatriz and Carlos

*Field of Service:* Camp Emmanuel  
*Ministry:* Volunteer Secretary  
*Entered EMU:* 1980's

### Alvarez, Julia

*Field of Service:* La Charqueada  
*Ministry:* Ladies’ & Children’s Ministries  
*Entered EMU:* 1972

### Billafan, Pablo and Cristina

*Field of Service:* Rivera  
*Ministry:* Pastor of Calvary Temple  
*Entered EMU:* 2004  
*Children:* 2 - married  
Frederico - July 6, 2006

### Camacho, Elsa

*Field of Service:* Montevideo  
*Ministry:* Retired Widow  
*Entered EMU:* 1972  
*Children:* 2 - married

### Castro, Henry and Patricia

*Field of Service:* Guazu-virá  
*Ministry:* Camp Emmanuel Caretaker  
*Entered EMU:* 2020  
*Children:* Daniel - December 29, 2001  
Gabriel - January 19, 2005  
Emanuel - February 24, 2010

### Diaz, Alberto and Carolina

*Field of Service:* San Fernando  
*Ministry:* Pastor of Emmanuel Church  
*Entered EMU:* 1993  
*Children:* 3 - married  
1 - single adult

### Donzé, Pedro and Patricia

*Field of Service:* Montevideo / Guazuvirá  
*Ministry:* Office Manager, Camp Director (Patricia: Bible Correspondence Director)  
*Entered EMU:* 2005  
*Children:* Maximiliano - April 11, 2006

### Espinel, Matias and Kristine

*Field of Service:* Montevideo  
*Ministry:* Bible Professor, Pastor of Siloe Church  
*Entered EMU:* 2009  
*Children:* David - January 18, 2011  
Sofia - December 12, 2012  
Emma - March 10, 2015  
Megan - June 16, 2017

### Gomez, Gabriel and Rosanna

*Field of Service:* Montevideo  
*Ministry:* Pastor of Gethsemani Church  
*Entered EMU:* 1987  
*Children:* 1 - married  
Lucas - March 4, 2001

### Gomez, Hector and Graciela

*Field of Service:* Rivera  
*Ministry:* Assistant Pastor of Calvary Temple  
*Entered EMU:* 1987  
*Children:* 3 - married

### Gomez, Marcos and Tali

*Field of Service:* Guazuvirá / Montevideo  
*Ministry:* Camp Emmanuel and Office  
*Entered EMU:* 2017

### Gonzalez, Juan and Noemi

*Field of Service:* Montevideo  
*Ministry:* Evangelism Director  
*Entered EMU:* 1996  
*Children:* 1 - single adult  
Diego - April 15, 2003

### Kowalczuk, Jose

*Field of Service:* Durazno  
*Ministry:* Pastor of Calvary Temple  
*Entered EMU:* 1982

### Oliveira, Gustavo and Alejandra

*Field of Service:* Montevideo  
*Ministry:* Pastor of Calvary Temple  
*Entered EMU:* 2009  
*Children:* Elias - February 16, 2004

### Olivera, Carlos and Mabel

*Field of Service:* Pando  
*Ministry:* Pastor of Bethel Church  
*Entered EMU:* 2002  
*Children:* 2 - married

### Pereira, Carlos and Graciela

*Field of Service:* Tacuarembo  
*Ministry:* Retired Pastor  
*Entered EMU:* 1987  
*Children:* 2 - married  
1 - single adult

### Piedad, Julia

*Field of Service:* Montevideo  
*Ministry:* Retired  
*Entered EMU:* 1950

### Rauter, Marianne

*Field of Service:* Montevideo  
*Ministry:* Retired  
*Entered EMU:* 1953-60, 1980  
*Children:* 2 - married  
1 - single adult

### Rodriguez, Maria Teresa (Chicha)

*Field of Service:* Montevideo  
*Ministry:* Radio, Bible Classes for Women & Children, Translator  
*Entered EMU:* 1962

### Rodriguez, Rubito and Marita

*Field of Service:* Treinta y Tres  
*Ministry:* Pastor of Calvary Temple  
*Entered EMU:* 2005  
*Children:* Victoria - June 8, 1998

### Rossi, Alicia

*Field of Service:* Montevideo  
*Ministry:* Retired Widow  
*Entered EMU:* 1979  
*Children:* 4 - married

### Steel, John Mark and Deborah

*Field of Service:* Montevideo  
*Ministry:* Bible Professor, EMU Bible Institute Director  
*Entered EMU:* 2008  
*Children:* Elizabeth - January 30, 2006  
Daniel James - October 30, 2010

### Thiessen, Ursula

*Field of Service:* Montevideo  
*Ministry:* Retired  
*Entered EMU:* 1953

### Torres, Docila

*Field of Service:* Pando  
*Ministry:* Retired Widow  
*Entered EMU:* 1963  
*Children:* 2 - married

### Windmoller, Ricardo and Mayka

*Field of Service:* Vergara  
*Ministry:* Pastor of Calvary Temple  
*Entered EMU:* 2009  
*Children:* Gabriel - February 16, 2017