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### ALONG THE WAY . . .

Prior to 1987 the EMU Newsletter was all-Uruguay-all-the-time. We had no missionaries outside of Uruguay until that year. This issue seems to be reverting to those earlier days, as it concerns only Uruguay and, more specifically, Camp Emmanuel. There is actually more going on in the mission than just the camp projects, but we trust the plethora of pictures of the work accomplished over the last two months at the camp in Guazuvirá will be as much a blessing to you as they were to us.

And please take time to read the accompanying articles about the **Camp Emmanuel Sponsorship Fund** and the **Christmas Fund Offering**.

In this abbreviated Along the Way, we do want to ask for your prayers concerning the **Pastors' School** that is scheduled to take place in northern Cambodia on Nov. 18-20. The teachers will be together in Ban Lung, but the students will attend via internet due to continued COVID restrictions. **JD Crowley, Brian Kane, Jeremy Farmer, Josh Jensen**, and some other missionaries, will be teaching.

In this month of Thanksgiving, we especially want to express our gratefulness to our Heavenly Father and to you for the blessing you have been to the EMU families and their ministries thus far this year. May the Lord richly bless you during this holiday season, and keep your focus on Him and His grace. †

## SIMPLY AMAZING!

by Ken Jensen

As simple as the above title appears, it aptly expresses my summary thoughts concerning the Camp Emmanuel Rick Projects, which have been mentioned in the last three newsletters. And the "amazing" part branches into two categories: amazing how the Lord provided financially and amazing how much work on the projects was accomplished in September and October. Back in July when I first became aware of the list of projects that were approved by the camp leadership in Uruguay, along with Jeff Davis and Rick Jensen in the States, I was dubious that so many different projects could be funded or accomplished. In this issue we want to show you what has been done during the past two months at Camp Emmanuel to improve the facilities so that you can rejoice with us for what the Lord has permitted to be completed – or nearly so.

Hopefully, these picture groupings and explanations will help you somewhat appreciate what was involved. Of the eleven projects that were announced in the August Newsletter, ten have been fully or mostly funded. The only project receiving no designated gifts was for the sidewalks around each building to help with rain runoff around the foundations, a projected price tag of \$8,200. Two of the projects that have been funded had to be postponed until after the spring (Oct. & Nov.) camps

or following the summer camps in February 2022. The new fencing and entry gates at the front of the camp and the new concrete floors for several of the girls' cabins, it was decided, will take more manpower than was available during the Sept-Oct window. One factor in this decision was that day-camps are finally being allowed by the government, and camps are already booked for the end of October into November. These two projects could not be completed before the camps started.

Although there was one week when a goodly number of volunteers – ten men and four ladies for the main week of work in October - were at the camp to help with various projects, most of the work was done by a handful of men and women who worked over several weeks – at least off and on. Pedro Donzé (camp director), Henry Castro (camp caretaker), and Marcos Gomez (Pedro's assistant) worked non-stop for weeks. Also, a couple I saw often in photos taken over the totality of weeks was Nico and Valeria Gomez from Rivera. Their full-time "job" is helping EMU and other fundamental ministries around Uruguay in a panoply of ways. They are a wonderfully gifted couple! And as usual, Beatriz, the camp secretary, and Carlos, her painter husband, gave many days to complete these projects. †

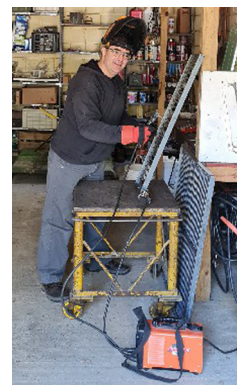
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(left) Two of the many replaced security cameras.



(below) Pedro framing for pouring a floor over the old stairs in the kitchen.



(right) Pedro welding the new grates for the patio grill.

**Patio Renovation:** In Uruguay this is called the “barbecue” area of the kitchen, which included a decent size grill and an adjoining 2'x4' hotplate/griddle for heating large pots of water, soup, etc. A large table was used by the cooks for preparing foods and for eating their meals. Though covered, the patio was opened on two sides to the elements.

(below left) How the patio has looked for decades.

(bottom left) Demolition of the patio, including the cement floor and half-walls. The removal of the old patio was accomplished by our crew.



The rebuilding of the patio was hired out to men who are professionals at the art of constructing grills and stone ovens.

(top right) Foundation for the new grill and stone oven.

(middle right) Linear view of the grill and stone oven.

(bottom right) Nicolas Gomez cooking the first meal on the grill while his wife, Valeria, and Marcos Gomez watch from the table.

One of Nico's many talents is that he is a degreed chef by training.

At the far end of the room you see the new door and windows.



**Kitchen Renovation:** Government regulations necessitated many of the major changes to the kitchen - mainly a new ceiling, exhaust turbines, and eliminating the precarious staircase to the basement storage room.

A photo on page one shows Pedro Donzé building a form for concrete to be poured over the staircase.

(top left) A metal roof was added over the outside entrance to the storage room area.

(center left) After the old metal ceiling and wood framing were removed in the kitchen, aluminum beams were added for the new ceiling material.

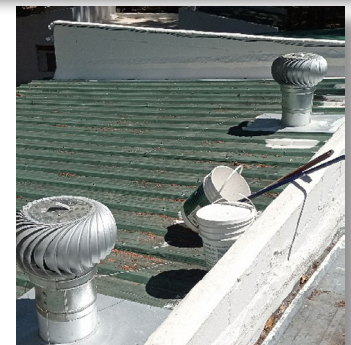
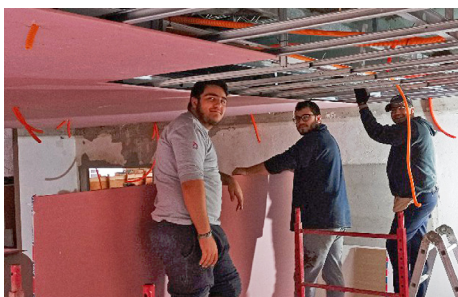
(bottom left) Hanging sheet rock in the kitchen. This is the first use of sheet rock at the camp! Also, the orange conduits are for the new electrical wiring.

(top right) Finished ceiling with new lighting.

(center right) Two of the new exhaust turbines on the kitchen roof.

(bottom right) The kitchen generally put back together. A new tile floor was installed throughout the kitchen and into the new patio area. The old floor was put in when the building was first built in 1975!

Also, the old doorway to the cafeteria was blocked up so that all food service would enter the cafeteria through the patio.





(above) Installing new gutters (for the first time) on the chapel.

(below) Ovidio Acevedo & Gabriel Gomez



(left) Taking down the original chimney from the side of the dining room.

(top) Juan Gonzalez, Henry Castro, & Gabriel Gomez demolishing the chimney to its foundation.

(right) The rebuilt chimney for the dining room.



(left) Martin & Hector Gomez, from Rivera, working on the new security fence around the water tanks.

(above) The new fence around the water tanks.



(left) Many of the old picnic tables were repositioned around the camp.

(below) Several of the ten new concrete picnic tables and benches are in the game and soccer field area.



(above) (l-r) Graciela Gomez, Graciela Gonzalez, Valeria Gomez, & Beatriz Alberti serving meals in the cafeteria.

(right) Valeria & her mother-in-law, Graciela Gomez, frying papas fritas on a rainy day - tradition! And fabulous!!

(below) Valeria and the two Gracielas preparing meals in the casita (little house) as the kitchen was being renovated.



(above) Young lady painting playground equipment.



(right) Two young men hanging new and refurbished swings.

Almost all of the playground equipment was repaired or serviced.





## Camp Emmanuel Sponsorship Fund

by Ken Jensen



In the fall of 2020, we announced the Camp Sponsorship Fund for the 2021 camping season at Camp Emmanuel. Because of COVID restrictions, those summer camps had to be cancelled along with all the camp rentals. The cancellations created a financial problem for the camp ministry as much of the yearly budget is covered by the rentals. So, we contacted some of those who gave for the Sponsorship Fund and asked if we could designate their gift towards the expenses for the government requirements for COVID safeguards for reopening the camp. Though not all of the Sponsorship Funds were used for those expenses, about half of the money was.

Pedro Donzé and his team are again anticipating that summer camps will be allowed in Uruguay for January-March 2022. With this in mind, we are again asking that you consider giving to the Camp Sponsorship Fund to help

campers and camp workers attend Camp Emmanuel in the coming summer.

As a reminder of how this fund works, the MEU (EMU) pastors in Uruguay are asked to make a list of those children and teens in their area who would like to attend a week of camp at Camp Emmanuel but who need financial assistance. Also, some of the funds are used to pay the expenses (food and lodging, not salary or stipend) for the volunteers at camp for whichever weeks they serve. The cost per camper and volunteer staff for 2022 is \$90 per week.



This is a group of young people from a Christian school that was able to attend Camp Emmanuel in late October.

Thank you for whatever you are able to give towards this project. †



## The Christmas Fund Offering

by Ken Jensen

I have always tried to avoid presenting two fund raising endeavors in the same newsletter, but sometimes that's just how things pan-out. (Mainly due to my poor planning!)

We began the Christmas Fund Offering decades ago as an encouragement for our Uruguayan national missionaries. The mode for processing these special donations remains the same: undesignated Christmas Fund gifts are divided among the Uruguayan missionaries, and designated donations to specific Uruguayans go directly to that missionary. However, as EMU has missionaries in nine different countries, who raise their own support through deputation in the USA, we also encourage our readers

to give towards those families as well. So, all designated gifts to ANY of our missionaries will go 100% to that individual or family.

We are doing one thing differently this year: we are NOT including a Christmas Fund envelope with the newsletter. In talking this over in the home office, we found that last year (for example) we sent out over 2,000 of these envelopes with the paper copy of the newsletter, of which less than 50 were used for sending in a Christmas offering. Over 560 families receive this newsletter via MailChimp, and obviously no envelope is sent therewith. So, for the few of you who have given towards the Christmas Fund in the past using the Christmas envelope,

we hope you will not find this change too inconvenient. The address of EMU is on the upper left corner of this page, and if you prefer to give online, you can do so at the [www.emuinternational.org](http://www.emuinternational.org) website.

From years of hearing from our missionaries concerning these special gifts this time each year, the families are greatly blessed, regardless of the country. Thank you for your consideration and generosity in this matter. †

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