



# The Clarion

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## Uruguay Beckons: Walsh Students adopt another FIC Mission Outpost

With Brothers in 26 countries there exist many opportunities for volunteer individuals or groups wishing to connect in a supportive manner with the ministries of the Brothers of Christian Instruction.

Recently it was announced that the Honor Students of Walsh University have selected a ministry of the Brothers in Uruguay, specifically the two youth centers in Maldonado Nuevo, a very poor town one hour up the coast from Montevideo, where the Brothers of the Immaculate Conception Province (Argentina/Uruguay) direct Instituto la Mennais. Three Brothers operate the centers, one for younger children, the other for teenagers. Assistance with school work is complemented by snacks and meals. Each teen is provided with a "health book" to accompany periodic check-ups which constitute part of the effort to educate families to providing basic health care, hygiene and dietary counseling. Brothers raise funds by selling donated second hand items. Supplies for all the activities are always in demand.

Food comes mainly from partnering nearby touristic hotels in the very popular and trendy tourist city of Punta del Este, which offers opportunities for work to English speaking natives. Improving access and use of computer technology will be a major occupation of the volunteers.

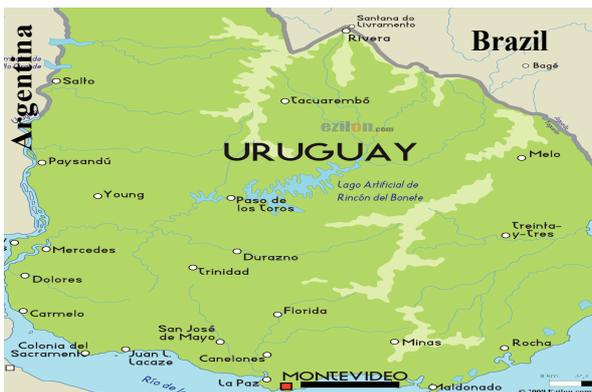


July 2013 site visit: Gustavo Stille, Br. Fernando Mussi, Dr. Koop Berry & Br. Ricardo Morzan

Walsh's program is being organized by Prof. Koop Berry who visited the site in July. Assist. Brother Guillermo Davila provided the necessary contact information. Gustavo Stille, Assist. Dir. of Admissions at Walsh, helped with the communication in making the initial contacts and travel arrangements. His Spanish skills facilitated the logistical planning and overall assessment of the program's feasibility.

Ten honor students will be selected for the initial group for early May 2014. These will assist students with the homework in various subjects and direct activities related to arts/craft, IT, health and English language. The educational dimension of the Brothers' centers is aimed at encouraging students to pursue high school graduation.

This venture is part of Walsh's outreach program already well established in Uganda and Tanzania. This Uruguay undertaking is the first in a Spanish-speaking country. Fund raising activities to help pay for travel expenses and supplies will take place all year. Rotary International will help with this.



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