

Spanish-speaking Jews in Uruguay



Sephardic Jewish immigrants first started coming to Uruguay from Turkey in 1907, and by 1920, they had opened retail stores in Montevideo. Uruguay was the first Latin American country to recognize the state of Israel and establish diplomatic ties with that new nation. Over 10,000 Uruguayan Jews have immigrated to Israel since 1973. This, combined with an aging population and intermarriage, has decreased the Jewish population. The Jewish spiritual connection that once tied the community together has been replaced with secularism.

Ministry Obstacles

Indifference to their Jewish roots, decreased population, and immigration to Israel have made it difficult for followers of Christ to befriend the Uruguayan Jewish people and share his grace found in Jesus.

Outreach Ideas

Christian leaders meeting with Uruguayan rabbis could open new sources of discussing the Old Testament prophecies.

Prayer Focus

Pray for a movement to Christ among Uruguayan Jewish people this decade. At this point none accept the



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POPULATION: 16,000

LANGUAGE: Spanish

RELIGION: Ethnic Religion

BIBLE: Complete

STATUS: Unreached

redemption of Christ. Pray that Uruguayan Jewish people would be open to hearing, accepting and knowing that they can have a life in Jesus, which will give them eternal peace. Pray for the Lord to thrust out loving, faithful ambassadors to this Jewish population.

SCRIPTURE And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. (1 John 5:11-12)

PRAY that this people group realizes that it is only through the Son of God, Jesus Christ, that they can obtain eternal life.

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