



# As a Door Closes, A Window Opens

**A**fter more than four years and numerous churches having participated, the Rio de la Plata Partnership, in the official sense, has ended. Of the churches who have been engaged in this partnership, many will continue to go and serve. Even as we close one chapter of SBCV involvement in South America, another begins.

This October and November, SBCV churches will have the opportunity to participate in the **Sport Shoes and Socks for Uruguay** Hands-on Mission Project. The focus area (from the capital of Montevideo to the city of Punta del Este) is the most secular metropolitan area of South America. Inexpensive sport shoes and warm socks for the impoverished children will open many doors for workers to share the Gospel and plant churches. Shoes and socks will be shipped to Uruguay in the spring of 2011, as the SBCV and the International Mission Board (IMB) partner together to send teams to share the Good News of Jesus.

This partnership with Uruguay will be developed using a new strategy, where churches will partner

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directly with missionaries on the ground. The SBCV will assist churches in connecting with specific missionaries there. This will allow churches to plan directly with the missionaries and to meet the specific strategy of those missionaries' ministries. Tony and Denita Inmon, formerly on staff with the SBCV, will arrive as IMB missionaries in Uruguay in 2011 after completing language school. SBCV churches will be able to renew a relationship with the Inmons and may have an opportunity to minister alongside them in Uruguay.

SBCV's new associate church mobilization strategist for partnerships, Eddie Urbine, has been working closely with Terry Sharp of the IMB to begin the transition to this new partnership strategy. Urbine and SBCV associate church mobilization strategist for projects, Sue Sawyer, are working to develop an interrelated outreach where at least one Hands-on Mission Project each year will transition to a "going" opportunity the next year. The 2010 Sport Shoes and Socks for Uruguay Hands-on Mission Project is one such example. In 2011, SBCV churches will have the opportunity to send teams to Uruguay as the shoes and socks are shipped and distributed.

While the Rio de la Plata partnership has drawn to a close, God is opening new doors to reach Uruguay for Christ. How will you and your church be involved?



## RESOURCE

■ **Website:**  
[www.sbcv.org/mission\\_opportunities](http://www.sbcv.org/mission_opportunities)

■ **SBCV Contact:**  
Call 888-234-7716 for details from the missionary in your region.

■ **Consider:**  
Hands-on Mission Projects are opportunities to get involved. How will you respond?

