

Transformation Uruguay - 2030 (TU2030)

Will this be a turning point in the spiritual history of Uruguay?

The last week of August 2014 was perhaps a turning point in the spiritual history of Uruguay. This small South American republic, known the world over for its achievements in soccer (fútbol), is also known in the Christian world as the most secular country in the American continent. However, God has begun a process towards a different future, using diverse groups of visionary and obedient Christian leaders.

On that one week, two historic events took place in rapid succession:

- A group of 10 select leaders gathered in a two day retreat to visualize together a totally reached nation.
- Over 60 leaders attended the launching of a 15-year plan for the transformation of Uruguay.

José L. González, an Uruguayan who emigrated from his country in his youth, facilitated the retreat. For the past 30 years he has accompanied with his ministry, Semilla, hundreds of Latin American Christian leaders committed to the transformation of their nations. In four sessions of visionary planning, the group, composed of pastors, entrepreneurs, governants, journalists, jurists, educators, intercessors and other professionals, agreed on a shared vision for the transformation of their nation. This exercise could serve as a model for leadership retreats of Christians from different sectors and regions of the country, who will be able to visualize together what God is preparing for their respective church families, for their cities, their regions or their nation.

Separately, on the same week sixty leaders attended the launching of a 15 year process of transformation under the name of Transform Uruguay 2030 (TU 2030). This initiative, in which hopefully all sectors of the Uruguayan church will participate, resulted from the vision of a small group of leaders, "Cosmovisión" (Worldview). Originally gathered to accompany the first evangelical Congressman of Uruguay, Gerardo Amarilla, these brothers have volunteer to serve the church and the Christian people of Uruguay to seek the transformation of their nation. They want to serve particularly all the branches of the Body of Christ and to join the other initiatives of prayer and equipping that have already began, for transformation in their country.

During the launching of Transform Uruguay 2030, an initial team of facilitators for each of the 7 spheres of social influence called those present to identify their sphere of calling and to form groups of prayer, research, planning and execution. Together they propose to prepare a larger National Transformation Forum in August 2015. They hope to bring studies of the national reality and suggestions about how the church itself, and the Christians as individuals may act for transformation for each sphere. The organizers hope that with good preparations, hundreds of Christian leaders will participate in the National Forum, which will include the first Christian expo of ministries and resources from Uruguay and abroad

While the vision of Transforma Uruguay 2030 was born, as it should be expected, from a handful of mainly lay people committed to the Lord, pastors and church leaders will inevitably play a leading role, encouraging and guiding the flocks under their care. For this purpose, a special meeting is being planned to present to

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them the vision of Transformation in its various global and regional expressions.

One of the original facilitators, Pastor and entrepreneur Rainer Kunze, said: "I am convinced that we are in a very special, a *Kairos* moment of God for the transformation of our nation. There are many visible signs that show that it is so, and many motivated and passionate people eager to bring transcendent changes through the love, the power and the glory God."

These events follow several others that have been occurring recently, and suggest that the hour of Good for the transformation of Uruguay has arrived. Under the leading of the Holy Spirit, all His initiatives will complement one another and will serve to initiate a sustained, long-term transformation process for that nation.
