

**BUILDING COMMUNITIES**

# Liván Echázabel in Uruguay

**USPG Mission Companion**

**In their own words**

‘The ministry of Liván and Yudith Echázabel has enabled the diocese to develop a unique and special ministry for people living with HIV and AIDS.’

– Alison Saunders, USPG Locum Regional Desk Officer for Latin America and the Caribbean



**Uruguay factfile**

- Capital:** Montevideo
- Languages:** Spanish (Official), Portuguol, or Brazilerio (Portuguese-Spanish mix on the Brazilian frontier)
- Religion:** Christianity, Jewish, nondenominational
- Export:** Rice, wheat, soyabeans, barley, livestock, beef, fish, timber
- Further reading:** [www.lonelyplanet.com/uruguay](http://www.lonelyplanet.com/uruguay)

**USPG in Uruguay**

USPG has supported the Anglican Church in Uruguay for over 20 years and have been supporting San Esteban Hostel since it opened in 2002. The Diocese of Uruguay is committed to holistic mission, reaching out to the poorest in society



## About this Project...

▶ **Target: £13,150 / €15,100 | Project 377**

Dr Liván Echázabel has been a USPG Mission Companion since 2002, when together with his wife Yudith, a nurse, they went to Uruguay to develop the work of San Esteban – a hostel for people living with HIV and AIDS. Liván has been instrumental in setting up and running the hostel, which has recently received government funding. It assists people living on the streets to return to society, with a priority given to people living with HIV/AIDS.

During Livan’s time in Uruguay, he has been ordained as a priest, and the nature of his work has changed over time. He is now supporting the diocese in three key areas: as rector of the Holy Spirit Parish, and pastor of

the parish of San Esteban; he continues to support the work at San Esteban, and is in charge of the diocese’s training for pastoral health work. His skills and formation as a doctor and a priest are highly valued in the diocese, which is committed to holistic mission.

Livan and Yudith and their daughter, Nicole, have decided that their future lies in Uruguay. In common with most of the clergy in the diocese, Livan will, in the future, work in secular employment (as a doctor) in order to support his ministry as a priest. They will continue as USPG Mission Companions while they make this transition as a family.

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