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Equipment boxes being unloaded.



Alfredo and Jim.



Jim installs the electricity.

ANSWERED PRAYERS!

In our Christmas 2018 newsletter, we asked our partners to help us raise funds for video editing equipment. This is necessary to reformat and upload our 35 years of evangelistic, and Bible teaching videos to YouTube.com. Our goal is to get the Gospel out to the whole world, thus helping reach the world for Christ. Since then many of you have contributed to this fund, and I'm delighted to inform you that most of the funds have come in. Here's where we are now.

First, the uninterrupted power source system (UPS) came on line. The UPS was so large, it took four men to unload it from their truck. The system was installed and tested. Next, arrived two more shipments. This included a computer, video related components,

speakers, and sound meters. Some of these arrived by ship, others by airfreight.

ALMOST DONE

We decided to purchase and ship part of the project with the money we had on hand. This allowed us to get and ship two-thirds of the equipment. However, we still have a third we can't purchase and ship.

We hope to finish as soon as possible. Will you please join us as we pray for money to purchase and send the remaining items? We want to wrap up the project, and get down to His business as soon as possible. We are very thankful for those who sent in money.

STUDIO PREPARATIONS

During the last four months, we had exciting days waiting for money to send the equipment. While waiting for the Lord to provide the money, I began to prepare the studio to make it ready for the new gear. We had to completely gut two rooms and redo them. I had our faithful carpenter, Alfredo, help me on this large project.

After finishing the room, a small amount of shipping money for equipment arrived. At that point, we began to make purchases. My son Paul spent many days on the phone ordering equipment and having it dispatched to our shipper in Miami.



Installing the UPS.



Then, part of it was robbed, for a short while

My son Paul ordered \$700 dollars of audiovisual cables from a company in New York. This company built the items especially for us, and the whole thing took ten days. On the way to our shipper in Miami, UPS online tracking let us know, "package lost due to stolen vehicle or robbery." We believe the complete truck was stolen with our things on it. Whoever hears of a complete courier truck being stolen? We prayed, and 24 minutes later UPS reported our package recovered and on its way! We praise the Lord how even these technical items do not leave God's sight.

Reaching out to the lost and forgotten



Jim preaching.



Nursing home residents.



Sally serving her cookies.



If you feel the Lord would like you to help, please drop me a line at jim@thurston.cl

"And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us." Romans 5:5 NIV

"We have a hope that cannot be humiliated." Parallel Bible Commentary

We found out that over 90% of the people in nursing homes in Chile are without Christ. They are lonely and forgotten. Very few in the Chilean Christian churches want to do this ministry, and God laid these senior citizens on our hearts.

It has taken us a while to get the nursing home ministry going. We explained to the administrator of the home that we wanted to bring a few moments of love, joy, and happiness. Many of the senior citizens were happy to have us as their families did not visit too often. Some of the elderly even felt abandoned and not loved at all.

Jim showed a short Christian video he helped make years ago called the "Red Bicycle." The story showed how a family was reunited and came to know the Lord. Sally shared part of her testimony on how her family came to know Jesus. The seniors were touched by her personal story.

It is winter, and most Chilean homes do not have central heating. One of the residents in this rest home, complained his hands were very cold. I felt them and indeed, they were. Later on, we went out and bought him a pair of gloves so he would be more comfortable. He was very thankful. Not only do we want to meet their spiritual needs, we also want to help them with personal needs as much as we can.

Sally has always loved baking, so she made yummy chocolate chip cookies. After praying with the residents, the seniors wanted to know when we would return. It was so exciting to see the people respond and allow us to bring a little joy and happiness to their lives.

Remember, Jesus is the biggest joy we can share!



Jim Thurston, recipient of the Chilean National Merit Ministry Service Award and Missionary to Chile.

PS. We will be on furlough starting September 7, 2019.

Jim & Sally