



Integrity ministries

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Short term set back

In March, we had major setbacks in the ministry with breakdowns in a lot of our equipment. Our major editing equipment wouldn't work, so we couldn't record any video classes. Something happened to our streaming server and it wouldn't stream, which cut off our radio stations. It also stopped all our video going out over the Internet. On top of that a virus hit our internet sites. For about two months we were at a standstill with using high technology to get the Gospel out. Paul, Paulo Cesar, and I worked and worked trying to get everything back on line.

Mark Merrikin, a longtime friend in Sequim and Microsoft technician, was a life saver in respect to our equipment. From Sequim, with a program called Team Viewer, he was able to get into our computers and make the necessary changes from his own computer. He was able to repair our problems in our operating systems and get them working again. I am happy to announce that at this moment we have the equipment up and running. We now have most of the solutions to the problems we faced.

Video Growth

The video-internet ministry continues to grow once again and people are being introduced and indicating they are receiving the Lord into their heart and life. With our Bible Institute we are also putting it in a format that can be used over the cell phone which will save a lot of time in the long run. One person wrote us saying, *"Your articles on your site are freshening and a comfort to my soul and my 8 children. Many things makes life difficult, but not impossible. .. THANKS!!!"*

Video Interview

Some of the leadership from the Toronto Peoples Church of the famous missionary [Oswald J. Smith](#) came to Chile. They interviewed me about the Chile



church situation and it's growth that I have seen since I came to Chile over 46 years ago.



My home Bible study of the book of Revelation is going great which was started about a month ago. Renato Merry is a marble factory owner and is very eager to learn the Word of God. He would like to become a Bible teacher in the near future.



Preaching in a small church



At the invitation at the end of my message, four men came forward to receive Christ. Every where one goes, there are people who need Jesus.



Two university students from Concepcion, a city south of Santiago by about 8 hours came to my home to ask me to give them a strategy to reach their university for Christ. We spent two evenings talking about it and the following day they left with materials and a new vision. I enjoy many forms of leadership.

New Christian

I was invited over to a Christian friend's home to have a late lunch with them. They invited a cousin who was in his late 30's to join us. After dinner they said to me, "Jim, why don't you share how one becomes a Christian." I asked for a pencil and on the back of a napkin I started to explain the plan of salvation and how a person can know Christ. At the end I asked him if he would like to pray and invite Christ into his life. He said, "Of course I would," and he prayed. He said when I asked him to put his name into John 3:16 it really hit home. He said he had been looking for purpose in his life for a long time and no one could explain the specifics of how to get it. After the prayer, I asked him, "Where is Jesus now?", and he replied "in my heart." Sharing Christ is such a joy!

I wanted to express my appreciation to you for your prayers and cards you sent to me in relation to my wife, Lina, going home to the Lord.

Office help

Judy Criscuola in Bellingham has volunteered to help out with getting the prayer letter out and I hope one can be sent every couple of months. The Lord has also sent a college student to help out in our office in Philadelphia which has been an answer to prayer. She will be communicating with you on a regular basis.



Judy Criscuola

Prayers Requests:

1. The continual recording of our online video Bible Institute. They are building a large 21 story apartment house behind the studio and between 8 AM and 6 PM there's so much noise, we can't record. Our recording now has to be in the evenings and on the weekends. This makes it a little tougher for our teachers as they have a lot of church meetings in the evenings.
2. For wisdom on how we can use the internet to reach more people and disciple them. Wisdom on keeping up to date with all the new technological changes.
3. We have just been notified that the video tapes we have been using for all of our recordings are no longer manufactured. I do have some on hand to keep us going for a short time. This means we will have to change our recording format and buy new recording editors. Please pray for wisdom for us as we look for the next format we should use. I think we will be OK until the end of the year.
4. For my home Bible study on Thursday night at 9 PM.
5. For our families' health. At this time we are all fine, but at this time of the year health problems can occur. Due to the extreme temperature changes, like 74 degrees one day and 50 the next. It affects your health. There is also a major smog problem until September when the winds begin to blow again causing respiratory problems. The smog is so bad at times that the government closes the schools and tells the students to stay at home. (It is kind of like staying at home when it snows.) On certain days, the government restricts the use of 10% of the cars, and on extreme days up to 60%.

As partners and friends, thanks for your prayers, your concern, your willingness to back me in this international ministry. Your missions investment is working.

Jim

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