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To Seek and Save the Lost



# The Thurston Report

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**Lina, I and the mission staff, want to wish you a very Merry Christmas and we pray that the year 2003 will bring you great blessings from our Lord.**

We praise the Lord for what He has been doing through us. The ministry and our lives are His and He continues to use us greatly.

## Growth

Not only do our audio visual materials and our internet ministry, which grows at 3% a month and reaches into more than 130 countries, make an impact around the world, but both Lina and I have personal ministries.

Apart from preaching, teaching and discipleship, one of the church projects that I have been working on is developing a Bible school for our local church. We have so many new Christians and they want to know more about God's word. The two church meetings a week are not enough.

## Ministering to the Araucanian Indians in Southern Chile

César Espinosa for the past four years along with his wife, have been missionaries to the Araucanian Indians in Southern Chile. Gloria, Cesar's wife, prepared a seminar for Lina to come and share "How to work with women and evangelize others." César interned with us for two years in our TV studio while attending Bible School. Just before Lina arrived, she sent down a lot of clothing that she had gathered among the church members in Santiago. The clothes were greatly appreciated. After ministering to the Mapuche women she did another seminar in Concepcion, another southern city, where more than 200 women from different denominations participated.

Returning home from the South, her Santiago committee, had an evangelistic women's tea waiting for her. About 90 attended the event in a local hotel and the topic was "Your relationship with your spouse." Many received the Lord. Please pray for the follow-up.

## My Discipleship group

The book of Revelation is the talk of my discipleship group, where each week we go chapter by chapter and verse by verse. Everyday, I go through the newspaper and clip out articles about the Middle East and Europe as it relates to scripture and this makes the class alive and interesting. The group has grown over this last year and it is exciting to also see the spiritual growth.



*Lina with the 31 people who went to Uruguay*



*Lina in front of a "ruca" (Indian house)  
Gloria L and Christian Indian sister R*

## Congress in Uruguay

Lina's trip to Uruguay was very profitable. Thirty-one people coming from the north and south of Chile from five denominations went with her to the congress. Lina's message was spiritually refreshing and it was a stimulus to the women to continue their evangelistic work.

## Preaching the Word



**Jim preaching**

You should have seen the tears streaming down their cheeks of the 150 plus who came down to the altar when the invitation was given. If each tear could talk, it would be saying, thank you Jesus for changing my life, thank you for investing in Jim's ministry so he could come to us; so we could understand the Truth. In our church service a couple of Sunday's ago, the Lord used me in a mighty way giving the morning message. The presence of the Lord was very special and He greatly touched the majority of the congregation as the people prayed and prayed. A few days later, a lady came up to me and said "that service changed my life." The service which usually lasts just a couple of hours lasted almost four hours and even at that the people still did not want to go home. It was a very moving time. The start of Revival? Maybe? This is what we pray for.

## Special Prayer Request

We understand that from time to time you may have questions as to why we seem to always ask you for funds destined for equipment purchases. So I'll try to explain the situation this way. Imagine that my family and I are representative of Johannes

Gutenberg, the first person to print the Bible. Imagine that what we do as a ministry is representative of the Bibles printed by Gutenberg. Imagine you, our supporters and partners, are representative of the individuals that financed Gutenberg's endeavor.



**Sony DMX-R100**



Now, do you think Gutenberg could have done his work if he didn't have a paper cutter, a stitching device, a gluing device, paper, ink plus associates to make it all happen?

By inviting you to participate with us, you have the opportunity to help us multiply God's Word, just like Gutenberg's invention did. Using technology to increase God's message may seem strange for the senior generation, but in the future it will probably be the standard and the norm.

## **Zero dollars in our fund**

We need to purchase some equipment that will allow us to replace old equipment that does not fit into our new digital video system. I have found a place in Miami that will sell it to us, brand new, for a very convenient amount. The device is a professional sound mixer and we have estimated the total cost to be around \$21,000 dollars. This cost includes the shipping and 28% Chilean import tax. It sounds like a great amount and it is, but the benefits of how it will help us far out weigh the cost. It is also a lot cheaper than the \$31,000 quoted to us for the same product already in Chile. We are praying we will be able to purchase it as soon as possible. Would you join with us and make an offering of \$100, \$500, \$1,000 or \$5,000 dollars or more to make this purchase happen? Please make out your offerings to Son of Man's Mission at P.O. Box 747, Bremerton, WA. 98337 and please include a note saying it is for equipment. Thank you.

***For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6 (KJV)***

Thank you for being our partners and standing behind us in reaching the world for Christ.

Love,

*Jim & Lina Thurston*