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## Chile's Congress Recognizes Lina's 42 years of ministry



*Paul, Jim and Mary Jane with the plaque.*

In the beautiful historic ex Congress building in Santiago, Tuesday October 29, the Chilean Congress recognized Lina's 42 years of ministry among the women of Chile. The plaque was given to me in her name by the President of the Senate, the honorable Jorge Pizarro. Every year there is a ceremony where about 20 outstanding Christian leaders from all over the country are recognized. This year Lina was the only woman to receive the award. What a pleasant surprise to receive this earthly crown, but much more important she has her heavenly crown. This is a tribute to you who have used your financial support and prayers to allow us to minister in Chile.



### Furlough

I am happy to announce that the latter part of March I will be going on a mini furlough for about 3 months. The plan is to leave Chile between March 25 to 29. Although I don't have the ticket yet, I do have enough miles for a free ticket. I praise the Lord for that. The idea is to spend three months visiting friends and our supporting churches. It has been such a long time since my last visit that I am bursting at the seams with good news to share.

If you know of anyone who could loan me a car for that time it would be much appreciated.

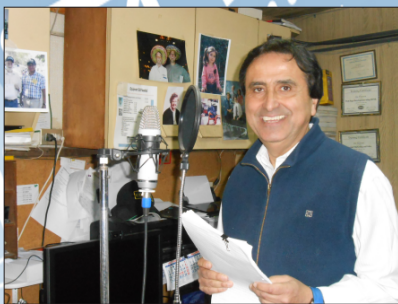


*Beautiful Congress hall built in the 1800's where the ceremony took place.*





# Happenings



We have been working with Alberto Dib, the ex director of Word of Life Chile where the goal is to record 360 evangelistic radio programs in Spanish. This week we reached 150 programs. He personally writes the scripts. Different radios around the world use them to reach their audience with the Gospel.



Speaking at a Radio Conference in Valparaiso



Receiving a certificate from the President of the Radio Federation

## Celebrating Thanksgiving with family and friends



Michelle Bachelet with church leaders

Publicity for the nine Presidential candidates was plastered all over the city. On December 17, there will be a runoff election between the top two candidates, Michelle Bachelet and Evelyn Matthei. Bachelet is the former President and the leading candidate. She is pictured here greeting some of the top church leaders in the country. While meeting us, I presented Bachelet with a book written by Pastor Miguel Fuentes who is staying with me. He took the Song of Solomon Book and broke it down into topics. One of the topics is about how to govern. As a known Agnostic, pray with me Bachelet will take a look at the book and maybe apply its teachings.



Sarai my granddaughter



With the President of Chile

October 31, is the date of the Reformation, and the government of Chile has proclaimed this day to be a Protestant National Holiday. Chile is the first country in the world to have this holiday where most all the stores are closed. The day before the holiday we (the church leaders) met with the current President of Chile in the Presidential Office and gave him a plaque to hang in his office.



## Just about blown to heaven

Around the first of October, we began to smell gas in our dining room as we have natural gas to cook and heat the water. The smell seemed to be more at night than during the day. Several weeks went by and since I was busy, I didn't do much about it. At last Paul called the company and they sent an emergency crew to the house. Since the system was put around 1932, one of the fittings rusted through and caused the leak. Because the pipe ran under the floor, we were forced to put in new copper pipe around the house instead of through the house. That was done and we praise the Lord there was no explosion and we are now safe and secure.

## Praises and prayer requests

An excerpt from one of the many people who write to us after visiting our web site. "For me, your site and articles are refreshing and a comfort to my soul. With 8 children many things happen and make life difficult, but not impossible... Thank you.

1. For the 51 years in the ministry and serving 48 of those years as a missionary in Chile.
2. That many people will be touched by my message on furlough.
3. Opportunities to share the need for continual projects and more people to invest in the ministry.
4. Continue to pray for our new home group, that Pastor Miguel and I started in May 2013. We are now at 20 people.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11