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Thurston New Year Report

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God's timing



Jim and Sally on their wedding day

Jim and Sally had both lost their spouses by a debilitating illness in January of 2012. What was God's plan now? Sally had said she would never marry again! Jim was busy in the ministry and never really thought too much about it.

In February of 2014, she sat down at the computer and found herself on E-Harmony, a dating site. Just looking of course! A friend said to Jim a few years ago to check out the dating sites some time when you have time, which he did.

An email came from E-Harmony to Sally saying would you please contact Jim as you have matching profiles. She went in

and found he was a missionary to Chile. She thought, I have been a missionary to the Philippines, and this might be interesting. So they started to correspond.

After emailing back and forth, they discovered they both had received Christ in a Presbyterian church, loved the Lord and wanted to serve Him with all their hearts. They also discovered they had many of the same friends in Bellingham, but the biggest factor for Sally was her daughter, Melinda, who had worked with Jim's wife in Aglow International for 4 years. Melinda said "Mom, Lina was a beautiful person." This removed all of Sally's fears about meeting a strange person over the Internet. They met for the first time in person in the parking lot of Christ the King Church, Bellingham, WA. Jim got out of his car and handed Sally a bouquet of a dozen red roses and a gift bag. When Sally looked into his eyes she saw kindness and a spirit of compassion. Jim saw a woman of God. From that first meeting, things progressed to their wedding.

They are so excited to know they are trophies of God's grace. Their desire is to spend the rest of their lives together serving the master.

On September 12, 2014, they returned to Santiago, Chile to continue spreading the Gospel throughout the world.

Sally's first impressions of Chile



The plane was banking over the land of our calling, Santiago Chile. A city over seven million people who call this home! Communication can be frustrating, yet I work hard to be understood! Spanish classes are helping.

It was humbling to be accepted into a culture, I had yet to learn. The most precious thing was praising the Lord and praying with all God's people which has no barrier. Worship and prayer to our heavenly father is understood by all!

It is summer here now, 85-90 degrees, and I

experience heat in a new way. When leaving the house, a hat is a must to protect yourself. Hats do not do much for hair styles! Now don't laugh, but when you arrive back home and look in the mirror, you'll not recognize yourself!!

Buses and subways are the mode of transportation. You are shoulder to shoulder, touching people you don't know. It's a new experience for me!

It takes a lot more time here to do simple things.

I thank the Lord, He has called me to Chile. All in all, I am looking forward to every new experience in His kingdom.

Happenings



October 31, is the date of the Reformation, and the Chilean Government has proclaimed this day a Protestant National Holiday. Chile is the first country in the world to have this holiday where most the stores are closed. This year the Protestant church celebrated by having a national Jesus March where we joined over 50,000 in Santiago, proclaiming Jesus is Lord and Savior.



Our home church out grew our living room and now we meet in our television recording studio. The Lord is blessing and at one of our meetings we had over 50, but on the average we are about 35, up from 15-20 last July. Praise the Lord for answered prayers and people yet to come.



Chile is prone to earthquakes and every now and then the Government schedules an earthquake emergency drill. Mary Jane and Sally volunteered as emergency communication experts between the Government Emergency Office and a local high school administration.



Danice, Sally's long time college friend, came from Denver, CO. to visit us for 13 days. It was a joy to show her around and experience the Chilean culture. She said, "she fell in love with the people."



I called upon the Lord in distress: the Lord answered me, and set me in a large place. (From the defile of disaster to the basin of blessing.)

Psalm 118:5



Franco Arriaza, who interned with us for six months was a great help in the Studio. He finished his internship on January 15th.

Praises and prayer requests

1. We praise God for the increased growth of our Church group meeting in our home.
2. We praise the Lord for community-event invites which allow us to make contacts and spread the Gospel.
3. Please pray for the following:
 - a. Continual video recording of the Bible Institute.
 - b. More people to invest in our exciting ministry.
 - c. For the finances we need to replace our outdated, worn-out equipment.

Thank you for your prayers and partnering with us.

Jim & Sally