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SUMMER VERSE

“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*

Jim Thurston, Recipient of the Chilean National Merit Ministry Service Award



CENTER RECEIVES BEDS AND MATTRESSES

In our previous newsletter, we shared about ministering in a drug and rehabilitation center in Calera de Tango which is about 40 minutes south of where we live. Since that time we were invited to minister in another city called San Sebastian. This center has 27 men and two women. We had lunch with them at their residence which is an old converted movie theater.

After lunch, we went to the local plaza with a PA system and musical instruments. As the musical group started to play, people living around the plaza began to approach us. Once a good size group gathered around, some of the center men gave their testimony of Christ’s transformation in their lives. At the end of the message, people came forward to receive Christ and to receive prayer for needs they had.

We are excited to report that five people received Christ as their personal Lord and Savior. The next day, after seeing some of centers needs, we donated three beds, sheets, blankets and 11 mattresses. Some of the men had been sleeping on hard floors and they were happy to receive the well-needed mattresses and coverings.



FORMER STUDENTS VISIT

Pastor Pablo Duque and his wife Yamilet came back to visit Chile. They were some of my former students when I taught mission classes in a local Bible Institute back in the 80’s. During one of my classes, God touched both of their lives and soon after, they went to the US to start a church in Los Angeles, California. It was wonderful to see them again and hear how God is using them.



PREACHING AT CHURCH

Speaking at our church is always a joy. That Sunday we had about 45 in attendance and we also had worship from a special musical group.



TV STUDIO VOLUNTEER VISITS 33 YEARS LATER

An old friend from the late 80’s, Marcelo Olivares, came with the musical group

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OUR GRANDDAUGHTER SARAI LEARNS TO BAKE

Sally spent some time making cupcakes and decorating them with our granddaughter Sarai. Sarai is learning to bake at an early age and loves spending time with grandma.



Some of our church members spending time with each other while eating some of the cupcakes Sally and Sarai made.



Sarai enjoying painting outdoors.





TV STUDIO VOLUNTEER VISITS 33 YEARS LATER

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that sang in our church. He was a volunteer who built the scenery for our sets. It was a surprise visit after 33 years.

Marcelo and I were able to reminisce on the work God had done back then with the ministry. I was able to share with him of the impact and life-changing transformations that God is doing now in the ministry.



NEW OPEN DOORS

We had the opportunity to meet with Mayor Juan Rosas from the Pedro Aguirre Cerda municipality, one of the largest in Santiago. We have been trying to connect with this municipality for several years and it was such a blessing for God to open this door. He received Christ last week so please keep him in your prayers.

THANK YOU!

Thank you for supporting our ministry in Chile. Please keep us in your prayers as we continue to be a beacon of hope, and a source of strength to those that we reach and to those that we provide encouragement and blessing that are hurting and struggling.

Your partnership through prayer and financial support is a tremendous blessing. Thank you for partnering with us in this tremendous opportunity of compassion and spiritual care.

Thank you for caring and sharing.

With love,

Jim & Sally

When I first met him, he was a new believer when he came to volunteer at the studio. His talents and skills for designing and building the background scenery for all of our videos was such a needed help.

Nowadays, Marcelo visits churches and participates in outdoor events with the musical group, singing and sharing his testimony. It's a joy to see him mature in his faith.



GRADUATION TIME

Steve's children are growing up quickly. Jordan just graduated from college with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Organizational Behavior and Human Resource Management degree, and Joshua just finished his first year of college. Sofia Isabela is turning 3 this month and she is learning Spanish and ASL sign language.



VISITING WASHINGTON STATE THIS SEPTEMBER

We are traveling to Washington State on a mini furlough and will be arriving in Bellingham September 27, 2017. We will be in the Washington area through January 16, 2018. We would love to connect with you when we are there. If you are interested in having us visit you, please let us know. We are also believing in the Lord that we will be able to raise the necessary funds to purchase our plane tickets.

PRAYER REQUESTS

■ Sally asks for prayer for her daughter Michelle who just had major surgery and is now in recovery.

■ We are looking forward to visiting many of you while on furlough. Please begin to pray for doors you can open for us to speak and share the ministry.

■ There have been several faithful ministry donors that have gone home to be with the Lord in the last couple of months. We continue to pray for their families during this time.

■ We are still in need to continue raising additional monthly financial support for our ministry. Monthly giving has decreased over the years and we are praying for an increase during this time of need.

■ New project: We are conducting a study on "How religious education in the Chile school system is changing." This will provide us with key data and information on what religious audiovisual materials we need to develop for the Chilean school curriculum.

