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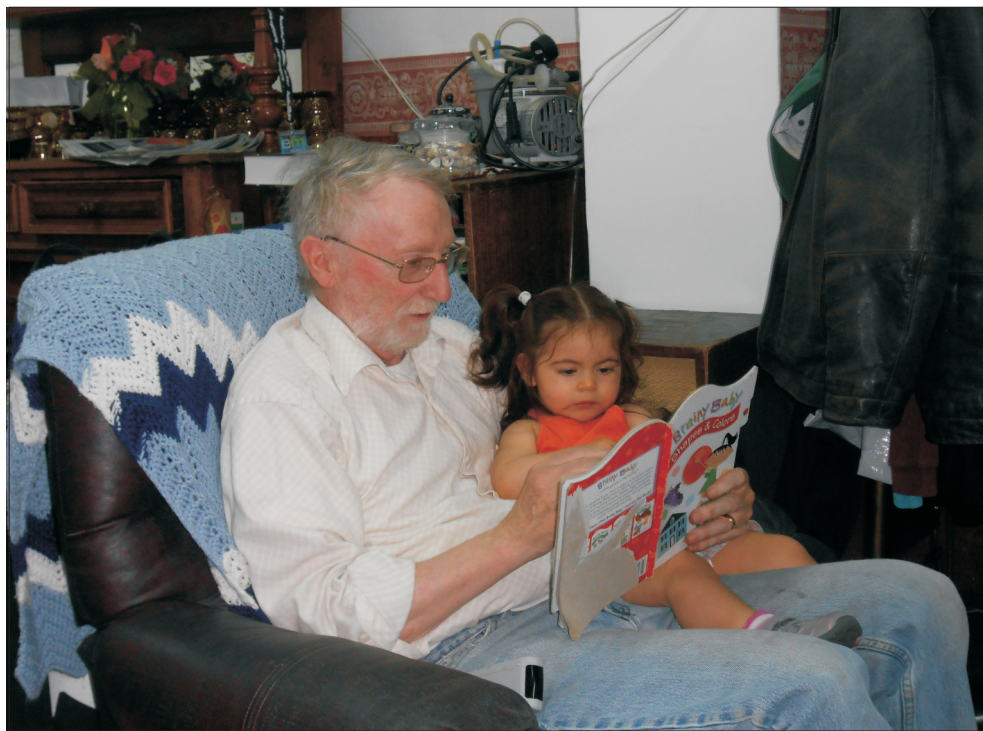
Thurston Fall Report

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It is a joy to be able to minister to my grandchild Sarai. She is now almost two and here I am reading in English to her from an old children's book. Once a week I baby sit for a couple of hours so Mary Jane can go out and do errands.



What's Thanksgiving like in the Thurston household?

When Lina and I were married in 1969, I had been on the mission field for two years. When Thanksgiving came along, I thought I would surprise her and take her to the finest US hotel in Santiago for a nice turkey dinner. We sat down in the Sheraton Hotel Restaurant and when the waiter came over I said, "I'll take the Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings." He looked at me and probably thought what's wrong with this American as there is nothing on the menu for turkey. It was a great disappointment as all my good plans went down the drain. Although we had a nice dinner, there was no turkey. It was such a great disappointment that we didn't celebrate Thanksgiving for about 12 years. Thanksgiving Day for us was just another work day.

When the kids were a little older, I believe Paul was about 10, the Christian school where they were attending had a Thanksgiving party with some of the mothers making pumpkin pies. This wetted my appetite to once again do something.

Little by little we started to have nice Thanksgiving dinners. My mother was an excellent cook and I had observed her for many



years on how she did it. While I was a campus evangelist in Oregon for three years and living alone, I had the opportunity to learn how to cook. So on our first family Thanksgiving Celebration in Chile, I used all my expertise that had previously been learned along the way. With the help of the Betty Crocker Cook Book, which my mother gave me when I married, I had no problem cooking this important family dinner. The Christmas dinner is also done by me.

They have turkeys here, but no stuffing or pumpkin to make pies, so I usually bring them back with me



My homemade pumpkin pie

after a trip to the States. A dinner is made exactly as if we were in the USA.

This is a good time to invite three or four Chileans to come over for dinner with us, giving them a taste of what the day is like in the US. The pictures are of last year's event and this year it will be the same, except without my lovely bride and mother of my children.

Prayers Requests



Our table setting

Relaxing



My radio station in 1956

I try to relax every now and then and on some evenings when there isn't a home Bible study or a meeting, I sit down and talk on my ham radio. Since 1956, and a sophomore in high school, I have been licensed. I hold a license in the U.S. (WB7VRO) and also in Chile (CE3BPC). Through the

years many friends have been made over the radio. When there is an emergency in Chile, like a major earthquake, Ham Radio is usually the only form of communication.

Mark Merrikin in Sequim, who I mentioned in my last prayer letter, is also a Radio Amateur (AE7IP). We do a lot of experimenting with different types of communication while we work on the computers.



My present station built over 30 years.

1. There is a meningitis W135 epidemic here in Chile. The government will be vaccinating every child in the country during the next few months. Ten minors have died as of today. Please pray for our protection.

2. For the continual taping of our Internet Bible School

3. I plan to take a mini furlough the end of next March for a few months and I am praying for a place to stay and a car to use.

4. For our servers that they will not get any more viruses's or break down. For the solution to a few minor programing problems in our servers.

"So shall My Word be that goes forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void. but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

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