

# HAPPY Thanksgiving



## NEW MISSION : SAME MISSION

We have some great news. We have joined a new organization called **Hope Inspire Love** and they are incorporated in the state of Pennsylvania but are doing a lot of work nationally and internationally. We are very happy to be joining them in ministry as it will allow us to carry our work through with a wider capacity to minister in Chile.

The work we are currently doing in Chile will not change. We continue to work with pastors and leaders in areas of Bible education, evangelistic leadership skills and the Internet. We also continue to work in ministry areas of communications and broadcasting. Our work continues as usual... to be salt and light to those around us.

The mission agency, Hope Inspire Love works towards transforming lives and restoring hope. They minister to those who are experiencing human injustice.

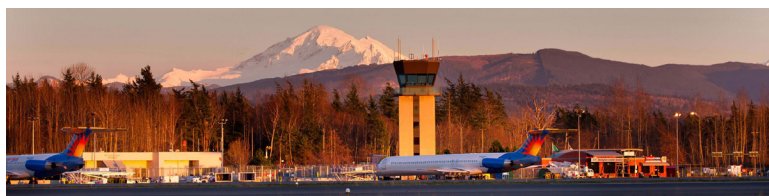


Hope Inspire Love is committed to raising awareness through prevention initiatives and working with orphanages, foster care agencies, pregnancy resource centers that give abortion-vulnerable women the choice of life, drug and alcohol rehabilitation, human trafficking and exploitation, and working with church and community leaders to play a meaningful role in helping disadvantaged people.

We have been doing a lot of the same ministry work with our outreach so Hope Inspire Love has been a great fit that is complimenting the work we do in Chile.

Thank you for all your prayers and support as we **bring hope to the hopeless.**

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## WE'VE ARRIVED IN THE U.S.

Late September we arrived in the U.S., and we will be returning to Chile January 16, 2018. We have been spending time these last couple of weeks visiting family, friends and churches and it has been such a great opportunity to reconnect and share with many of you.

Although we just arrived, we are looking forward to returning to Chile and continuing the Lord's work.

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## MINISTERING TO THE GOVERNMENT

Once again this year, I joined several key pastors and leaders on the platform of Chile's largest church. The evangelical church was able to once again share in a wonderful time through the yearly thanksgiving service where the country's president (in red), her cabinet, military leaders and the country's main authorities were in attendance.



## COMMEMORATING THE REFORMATION

This year the protestant church in Chile is celebrating 500 years of the Reformation. This holiday is called, "Día Nacional de las Iglesias Evangélicas y Protestantes" (National Day of the Evangelical and Protestant Churches). Just before we left Chile, many church pastors and leaders got together to not only celebrate this holiday, but to pray for the nation and its leaders. The location where this prayer took place has a lot of meaning to the evangelical community in Chile. In the 1800's,

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*We have the Spirit of the Lord on us, and he has anointed us to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent us to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.*

*Luke 4:18-19*



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there had been a conflict between the Chilean government and the Catholic church. The Catholic church owned the only cemetery in the capital city of Santiago. They would not allow any non-Catholic to be buried in their cemetery. Later, the government forced the Catholic Church to open up an area of their cemetery just for those who were non-Catholics.

The Catholic authorities didn't like having the two groups together so they built a wall 20 feet high and 6 feet deep separating the two areas in the cemetery. We met for prayer where that wall had been erected since it had a lot of significance to the Reformation.



### MINISTERING AT NURSING HOMES

Julio Pavez, who is a member of our church, has been in 2 different nursing homes. At each one he was treated unfairly. In one, his wedding ring was stolen, in another he fell breaking 6 ribs with no medical assistance for over 3 days before being hospitalized. The outcome was pneumonia and great suffering.

This type of story is repeated over and over throughout Chile. Visiting Julio opened our eyes to the great need of reaching these forgotten people who are abandoned in a rest home facility. The majority of their families never visit them. They are lonely, lost, forgotten and are just waiting to die. At the present, 15% of Chile (2.5 million) are senior citizens. In Santiago, there are over 1 million and in our section of town there are 31,000 living in 60 nursing homes. Presently, we know of no one ministering to these people.

Returning to Chile, we want to organize groups to go in and visit the senior citizens taking music and the Gospel to them. The idea is to prepare them to meet their maker. Probably, 90% have never heard how to have a personal relationship with God, and how to invite Christ as their personal leader and forgiver of their life. They are just there, waiting, waiting, and waiting to die.

For many, their bodies are no longer functional and are bed ridden, but their minds and hearts still continue to be alert. Will you help us with a special Christmas gift so we can help people like Julio?

We would like to buy musical instruments (\$3,000) and purchase a used van (\$15,000) to take our teams to the senior rest homes.



God always goes before us and lays out our path. We've had great victories and the Lord is doing great things in Chile. During these past 51 years, we have been in total dependence on God, waiting on Him, and working with Him.

Daily we see amazing and beautiful fruit of the work God is doing through our ministry. Since the day we were called in the ministry in 1963, thousands have been impacted by the Gospel as we have the Spirit of the Lord on us, and he has anointed us to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent us to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor (Luke 4:18-19). So much has been accomplished through your prayers and generosity.

You may be asking, how does this change affect my current financial support to the Thurstons? Continue to send your gifts to the address in Fern- dale, Washington. Please make sure that all future gifts are sent under the name **Hope Inspire Love** (not Integrity Ministries) and put on the memo that it is for the Jim Thurston Ministry. With the new organization, we will still receive 100% of what you send for us and the Chile ministry.

Sally and I feel as though we are walking through a transformational doorway into the greatest years we have ever had. We are profoundly grateful for God's faithfulness these last five decades of ministry work in Chile. The future is as bright as the promises of God. I am often asked the question, "What is the best year you have ever had?" I love to answer, "The next one." With this exciting change, we sense that more than ever.

We look forward to working with Hope Inspire Love and the joy of serving God in this new capacity. With your prayer and support, we will be helping them eradicate human injustice in Chile.

Thank you for partnering with us and for your faithful service. Please continue praying for us and supporting us as we carry on and venture out to love and build up the people of Chile and around the world. Much has been accomplished by the grace of God, but there is still much more to be done.

His servants,

*Jim & Sally*

