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INTERNATIONAL Calvary Chapel Bible College Dec. & Jan. 2010 Update



Greetings from Santiago, Chile!

It's hard to believe it's been over a year since we arrived. Time has flown. This January was our 13th wedding anniversary for which we are so thankful to God! We know, from the beginning, He had His way with us and are happy to say that He is still having His way with us. We thank Him for the things we have learned and the things we are still learning. We know He has a plan for us in Chile and as long as we stick to His will and His Word, He will guide and take care of us, no matter where we are. He is faithful!

Bible School

In Dec. students got ready for their finals and the Cults & Comparative Religions class had to go to a nearby park to take a general poll on beliefs of people. It was amazing to hear all the ideas people have of who God is and what they believe. In general, when the students had completed this project, they had a zeal to go and share the Gospel with the lost. Praise Jesus for allowing them to see this need!

We are pleased to say the majority of the students finished their classes well. They are happy with everything they learned in this semester, and wait excitedly until the next one starts.



Ministry

In December, we had our Christmas visit to the Children's Home. The Lord blessed us by providing a lunch, which included drinks, a "completo" (which is a hot dog with guacamole, tomatoes, onions and mayo) and ice cream. The children enjoyed them so much, some had 2 or 3. We had a puppet show, Bible study and even some Christmas presents. To our amazement, even the older girl's attitude towards us had changed. They were laughing and sticking around for the activities. We know this is only because of the prayers that were lifted up for these girls. Please continue to pray for all of the children. Please pray for the coordination of our 2010 visits and for all the volunteers.



In December we had the opportunity to go to Mendoza to visit our Argentinean brothers. The Lord has opened doors for them to rent a place where they can hold their Bible studies. At the inauguration, we were able to help them with their Saturday children's activities, where over 100 children showed up. On Sunday, they had a special service for the adults, and many new people came. We were blessed by our time of fellowship with them and getting to know the people from their congregation. We also had the opportunity to meet Pastors Sergio Lopez and Gerson Hernandez of CC Costa Mesa. We are also excited about taking students down in this upcoming semester on a Mission's trip, in support of our Argentinean brethren. We give God the glory for all He is doing in uniting us and are excited about the future!

Ministry Cont'd.



Since Jan. & Feb. are months in which everyone goes on vacation and literally leave all behind, we decided to take the Sunday Bible Study to Laguna Aculeo, a beautiful lake about 1 1/2 hours away. After our Bible study we had a great time of fellowship.

On Jan. 30th, we had our first wedding, Manuel and Leticia. We were happy to partake of this day with them. They will be moving up north to La Serena, and, although we will be sad to see Manuel go, we are looking forward to their future. Ricky performed the ceremony and, although nervous at the start, he did a great job.

Family

We were blessed with the visit from our family, Dec. 16th through Jan. 2nd. It had been a little more than a year since we last saw them. It was so good to finally be able to see and hug them. Our niece is growing into a beautiful young lady. We were able to take them around Santiago to see all the beautiful architecture and museums. They got to experience the metro system at peak hours and also took a tour of the Presidential Palace "La Moneda." We then took a trip to the southern part of Chile, Puerto Montt.

We visited with Pastor Raul Laguna and his family. Weather in Puerto Montt and the south is much cooler, when it's not raining, it's very misty, but this was a refreshing change to us with Santiago's summer heat. We were able to visit many beautiful places and go to the island of Chiloe, where we saw some penguins, after getting on a little boat. We also partook of a wonderful Christmas dinner at the Laguna's home and finally tried the famous smoked salmon everyone talks about. After a few days, we headed back to Santiago, and then on to Viña del Mar and Valparaiso. The weather was great and we enjoyed our time at all these places. Once back in Santiago, we celebrated Mayra's birthday and New Year's Eve with some friends from the Bible study. At midnight, we went down the street where the National Stadium was for a spectacular firework's show. Hundreds of people showed up. January 2nd came all too soon and it was time for Mayra's mom and niece to go home. It was a blessing and a wonderful time, but we miss them already. We thank God for giving us this time with them and for getting them home safely!



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Prayer Requests

Bible School: Please pray the Lord would stir people up to come study in Chile next semester. Pray for Elvira as she gets ready to come back for her final semester. Pray for the teachers as they prepare for the upcoming classes.
Sunday Bible Study: Please pray for the Bible Study and the planning of all the activities. Pray for God to raise up laborers. Pray for the children's home and for God to provide for all their needs. Continue to pray for Ricky, for God to give Him wisdom in all the teachings.

Events: Pray for the High School group from CCGS, that God would go before all the planning for their trip.

Family: Pray for our families in Colombia and USA, that God would be their source of strength and provide for all their needs. Pray for Ricky's sisters' health.

Praise Report: We praise you Jesus for all that You have done in this past year and for all that You will do!

Thank you for your continual prayers and support for us! God bless you!

Let Your mercy, O LORD, be upon us, just as we hope in You. Ps. 33:22