

(Church service in Iglesia Biblica Bautista Iquique)

### Dear pastors, friends, and churches:

Thank you for your kindness, care, and support. Ministry has been an incredible journey God has allowed us the privilege of being part of. We are so blessed knowing how God oversees all our needs. We want to thank you for being the instrument God has used.

#### **ALTO HOSPICIO MINISTRY (**Iglesia Biblica Bautista de Alto Hospicio)

February 26 was our last presential service in the work we started in Alto Hospicio in 2016. Seeing it was a moving service. Since then, God has kept marvelously adding more to the church. New families, new programs, new excitement! Things have run well with the leadership of Guillermo and Jorge. Every other month we meet as a leadership core to discuss issues and plan the full transition in the leadership style that fits them.

As we are nearing the sixth-month mark, we will be planning a commission service for Guillermo, and once we reach one year, we will have an ordination council to confer his pastoral role. Over 50 years of age and with many years of experience and service, he has been an ideal fit for the congregation in Alto Hospicio. The Alto Hospicio church has reached the mission goals: self-support, self-government, and self-propagation.

## IQUIQUE MINISTRY (Iglesia Biblica Bautista de Iquique)

We have seen some precious victories in the four months we have worked in Iquique with my dad. From the flourishing programs with the children and youth to enhancement in the instrumental and choir ministries, new leaders are taking on important roles with small groups, and excitement is happening within the congregation.

A month ago, we had <u>12 people</u> following the ordinance of baptism. It was an exceptional service seeing some brand-new Christians getting baptized to others we had been praying for years. We had a full house that morning, and one of the highest-ranking admirals of the Chilean arm forces attended the service.

A couple of weeks ago. <u>Daniela</u>, a lady in our church, accidentally hit an elderly pedestrian while driving one Sunday evening going to church service. Many people in our city would flee the scene out of fear, but Daniela took her home, called her family, and cared for the lady. A week later, <u>Maria</u> and her husband visited the church and understood why Daniela was so different.



(chapel service at Krosby company Alto Hospicio)



(Couples event)



(New Small Group)



(Alto Hospicio Service without us)



(Nataly, one of the twelve people baptized last month)

Last Saturday, my daughters joined the track club; Martina was one of the students that participated with my girls; as <u>Martina's</u> family left the stadium, they passed in front of our church ten blocks away, and a man in our church invited them to join our services the next morning. As they arrived, I was pleased to see this new family we had seen the day before. And setting right behind them was one of our Sunday school teachers who happened to be a neighbor of the visiting family. Martina's mother mentioned that this was her husband's first time he had stepped into a church. She said they will be back.

Two weeks ago, we had <u>Lucia</u> visit our church. Her boyfriend had died a few days before, and she was devastated. While interacting with the same lady who ran over the pedestrian, she heard the gospel and tearfully accepted the Lord. The next day she visited the church and shared her testimony with me. She was diagnosed six years ago with a brain tumor that had burst. The doctor told her she would not survive and had less than 24 to live. When she returned to the doctor the next day, the doctor was shocked that she was still alive. Six years later, she knew that God wanted something with her. As she accepted Christ, she said, "Everything makes sense now," at age 58.

<u>Dominique</u> is a cancer patient in her mid-30s that has stage 4 cancer. Some of the ladies from our church have been visiting and helping with this young lady's different needs. Having resentment with God due to an ugly divorce and battling with her illness, she saw God's love through the loving care that Christ's body has shown her. Last week I visited her, and she trusted Christ as her risen savior.

<u>Juliano</u> is a business owner that runs a company with about 200 workers. He has been a devout Christian for years and attends our church in Iquique. He designated a time once a month for local pastors to come and give a devotional. I opened the scriptures three weeks ago to about 100 workers who voluntarily attended the chapel service. Through that experience, one of the high managers started participating in our church and in my cell group.

#### LA HUAYCA, CAMP

During my weekly schedule, I work on Mondays and Tuesdays in the building aspect at camp. In the house/church, I have finally finished the roof and installed the windows. This house was used exceptionally on our youth, jr. high, and family camps at the beginning of the year.

We received an incredible donation from an amazing family in California last month. They designated it for camp construction. We have seen the impact of spiritual retreats, and we desire to continue developing the camp area with a future vision of also establishing a church plant there. With the donation, we will do major maintenance, painting, construction of more shade areas, planting more trees, and more! We also received **another** lovely gift of 75 university chairs, tables, and office furniture for camp use from one of our church ladies in Iquique.

#### **NEXT FURLOUGH**

We are planning a furlough starting February 2024. We supported the new work launched by the church Iquique, sending three families to support the new mission. But overall, we decided to wait before returning to a full furlough. We would love to schedule a meeting if you want us to come and share what the Lord has been doing in Northern Chile.

# **JULY 2023**



(Cristian, one of the twelve people baptized last month)



(Manuel, one of the twelve people baptized last month)



(Paula, one of the twelve people baptized last month)



(Yessika, one of the twelve people baptized last month)



(advancement in the house/church La Huayca)



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