

Dear pastors, friends, churches, and partners. We are so blessed by your care, partnership, and support. We hope you are doing well back home.

Baptisms

Last Sunday (October 31st), we had seven people following in the ordinance of baptism. Because the church in Alto Hospicio does not have a baptistry, we had exceptional joint service with the main church in Iquique.

Salome came to Christ in May; after losing her husband to COVID-19 last year, her neighbor Brisa, a young cancer survivor who is a church member, wrote a simple note that made a significant impact. Salome’s two sons Dario and Javier, came to know their savior the same night as their mother. All three decided to celebrate their public confession on this special day.

Juan Pablo was reached two years ago, through an invitation from one of our prominent musicians. He was working in the same mining company. Next week he will be getting married and wanted to start with his right foot by following in obedience believers’ baptism.

We also baptized Andro, Nicolas, and Areli.

Independence process of the Alto Hospicio Church

It is exciting and emotional to be finally allowing the Alto Hospicio church to become independent. I have been involved in churches my whole life. From La Serena, to Brea, to Iquique and now Alto Hospicio. But there is something special about your first church launch. It was a great experience.

We were planning the transition back in 2020, right before COVID reached Chile, but we didn’t feel right to let go at such a crucial moment and decided to stay until the end of the pandemic. We have established the leadership team overseeing the children, youth, worship, prayer, and building ministry. And we are prayerfully considering two different pastoral prospects trained in the Iquique Bible and leadership institute. Our goal is to be entirely out of the church by March of next year.

During our stay, the second church in Iquique began out the main church in Iquique, and we sent two families and a single lady to support with offerings, music, teaching, and construction. That church is doing well; they are currently meeting in a music school for their services.

We will be rejoining the main church in Iquique to help the training process of current and future pastoral and leadership prospects.

We are planning family and youth camps for January and February.

Living south of the Equator, our seasons are inverted. January and February are our summer months. And we like to plan our family and youth retreats for those months. In 2019, God blessed us with the possibility of purchasing land to develop into a Christian camp. One hour away from Iquique-Alto Hospicio, we have leveled the ground, built shade areas, installed two wells and a water tower, and almost finished with one of the three cabins we plan to construct.

We have purchased over 50 trees for planting in our camp located in the driest desert on the planet. Our biggest challenge is treating the earth due to the soil’s high levels of salinity. For our last youth retreat back in 2020, we had three churches involved, with a group of 25 teens challenged with Bible preaching, teaching, and study. For our 2022 youth retreat, we aim to reach 50 teens through the participation of seven churches.

Thank you for your love and support



Juan Pablo



Areli



Nicolas



Javier



Salome



Dario



Andro