

Dear Friends

We are thankful for your prayers, care, and support. Here are some of the highlights from the last couple of months.

Transitioning period:

We are excited to see the new leadership unite with us in the transitioning period of taking the church in Alto Hospicio. The future pastor, Guillermo, has had some setbacks in the process, slowing the transition due to unfinished business outside the Region. Changes take time, and we are looking at all the details to support stable leadership. The process will take a few more months to complete, but the church will be fully autonomous.

Salvations:

God has brought upon us the opportunity to witness to some new people. Silvia, a young mother in her late 20s, felt the need to invite all her friends to church. During the evening service, she showed up with four friends and their children (about 20 people). **Karian** has been the first to know Christ as her LORD and Savior from that group. The other friends continue to attend. I am excited to see how the Lord will reach them.

We also have had a group of Venezuelan children show up to church every week. These Venezuelan migrant families have fled the poverty-stricken turmoil and traveled over 5000 miles to make it to the northern part of Chile. **Adrian and Santiago** Two of this group of about seven children have already made faith decisions. We have seen them grow in their desire for God; every Sunday, they are the first to arrive and the last to leave.

Marcela is one of our Sunday school superintendents. Her **father** has fought cancer for a while now; during this time frame, Marcela has visited the city of Arica, 5 hours north, intending to share the gospel. Marcela's father came to know the LORD 4 weeks ago with his wife.

New outreach programs

We have finally seen a new chapter in our city. People have slowly returned to work, school, and church. We will implement a few new programs to reach our neighbors, offering free instrumental classes, starting our puppet ministry for children, and developing our Christian choir, among many other ministries.

National uncertainty

Our time in Chile has been exciting. From massive earthquakes, COVID-19 quarantines, national protests, and native American terrorist attacks in the south. Now we are going into the rewriting of the Constitution. A significant communist agenda is being pushed, bringing uncertainty to the economy and investments. A great fear surrounds many people, not knowing what will be part of the new governing document.

Sophia's surgery

We still have not been able to operate on Sophia. The latest complication had a part with us not being vaccinated. After praying about the subject and having no legal obligation, we decided not to get inoculated. But the Clinic will not operate without having all four vaccines. We are currently waiting on the Lord's timing.

Thank you for your prayers and faithful support

(The below pictures are past images of our choir, puppets, and instrumental lessons, which will restart in July.)

