

Dear Friends,

COVID UPDATE

One year ago, May 15, 2020, Iquique and Alto Hospicio locked down in Covid quarantine (phase1). We have lived 9+ months in phase 1 - 24/7 lock down (stay at home, indoors). We need government permission to go grocery shopping, doctor or dentist visits, banking and other errands. Permission is given 2 times weekly for 2 hours for all errands. In October, November and half of February, about 75 days, we passed to phase 2 - freedom to go out Monday – Friday, be in groups of 5 people maximum. 2 weeks we were granted phase 3 – freedom to go out Saturday and Sunday and holidays in groups up to 25 people.

SALVATIONS

Praise the Lord. We are seeing some salvation decisions. Angela and her teenage son Ezequiel made salvation decisions. They attended our online services for about four months before they fully grasped and understood their spiritual need for salvation; they are both eager to get baptized once we transition out of total lockdown. Linda and her friend Claudia accepted Christ, Linda is the mother of Nataly, who we won to the Lord 2 years ago, and Claudia is her next-door neighbor who is battling breast cancer. Ariel, one of our predominant musicians, led his father to Christ as well (which has been a long process of over 20 years). Last week we saw Salome, who became a widow due to COVID, and her two teenage sons (Javier and Dario) also making salvation professions.

NEW ADDITIONS

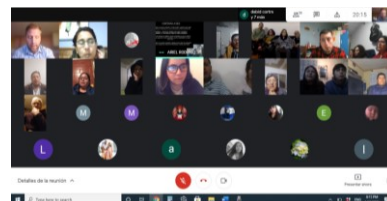
We praise God that we have decent internet in our country. We have our church services online, through the Google platform “Meet”, and have been able to minister, preach, teach and worship collectively. We have invited visitors and a few new families join us regularly. The latest two additions are Patricia, a Colombian woman in her mid 40’s who lost her mother to COVID complications, and Mirco, a young miner who was searching for a deeper and more substantial form of Christianity.

MINISTRY UPDATES

Besides the apparent limitations of ministry, we rejoice that the church has maintained itself numerically and financially throughout this last year of restrictions. We have implemented both children and youth meetings via Meet, as well as three weekly preaching services. We are also working on church becoming legally incorporated; that will allow us to purchase land and eventually get loans for building.

CAMP UPDATE

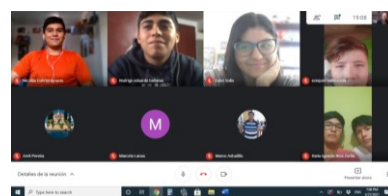
We are in the process of raising the funds and building cabins for the camp. We have begun one of the three cabins for summer and winter retreats. These cabins will be able to house up to 20 teens. We want to personally thank both Leon Valley Baptist Church in San Antonio Texas, and Pastor Russell Gordon and his wife for donating towards these cabins.



(Church Service)



(Children’s Class)



(Part of our Youth group)



(Cabin Construction)



(Cabin getting painted)

Cost per cabin
\$7.000

Thank You for your love, care, and support!



Financed:

Constructed:



full

advanced



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