

Dear partnering Pastors, churches, and friends,

I apologize for the late newsletter. We have been very busy since our last newsletter and have not gotten a chance to report on what the LORD has been doing.

Back in November, <u>Sophia was able to get her surgery</u>. We had been unable to operate due to COVID and the restrictions upon us for not being vaccinated. By God's grace and mercy, he opened the doors for this needed procedure that would help her compromised kidneys. We thank you all for all of your prayers and concerns about Sophia. Some major God interventions made the trip to Santiago and back very interesting.

Then we had our <u>Christmas program</u>. Our choir did an outstanding presentation, with over one hundred people attending our service. Our children also did an impressive <u>Christmas cantata</u>. On the 25th, we had a <u>Christmas banquet</u>, with about 75 attending that day. It was a joyful end of the year and the COVID era.

In January, we had <u>four camps</u>. We had <u>Iglesia Biblica Bautista</u> Gracia have their first church camp at the beginning of the year; as a gesture of gratitude, they installed the showering system in the <u>new showers</u> we built in January. We then had our <u>first junior high camp with 20 kids</u> attending. Three Colombians (<u>Diego, Pipe, and Angel</u>) and a Chilean (<u>Nathan</u>) came to know Christ as their savior during our that Camp. For our <u>youth camp, we had 32 young people</u>. We also had four salvation decisions, this time 3 Chileans (<u>Bastian, an ex-army young man, Elias, and Patricio</u>) and 1 Colombian (<u>Angel</u>). Our last Camp was our church camp of <u>Iglesia Biblica Bautista Alto Hospicio</u>.

During February, we also saw three children and two junior highers come to Christ, <u>Josue</u>, a Bolivian child; <u>Aleska and Alexander</u>, Venezuelan sisters in junior high; and <u>Javiera and Pilar</u>. We also saw an older mother with her 30-year-old daughter <u>Marcela</u> come to know the LORD. <u>Nilda</u>, Marcela's sister, <u>Gabriel</u> and <u>Danae</u> Marcela's nephew and niece also made salvation decisions.

(Alto Hospicio Church Picture Christmas program)



(Sophia after the surgery)



(Christmas Choir)



(Christmas Banquet)



(Junior High Camp Group)





(Youth camp January 2023)

I also was invited to perform at **two weddings**. Juan and Michele attended our Alto Hospicio church, and Mariana with Israel, my sister-in-law, and her husband got married and asked me to marry them.

February marked an excellent month for our ministry life because we handed our church to <u>Guillermo</u>, who is in the process of becoming a pastor. Guillermo and his wife Pamela were trained in the Iquique church with my dad, missionary David Reinhardt. And he will be leading the church in the next step of ministry. We had three people get **baptized** for our last service with the church in Alto Hospicio. We had <u>Cynthia</u>, a school teacher who came to know the LORD in Arica a week before moving to Alto Hospicio 3 years ago. We have seen such an impact on her life. <u>Karian</u> was the second person to follow the steps of baptism; she came to know the LORD in March in our church last year. And finally, <u>Patricio</u> was one of the young people saved in Camp. Patricio struggled to get close to God due to his deep sorrow of losing his father due to COVID. I had a chance to baptize his two other brothers and mother a year ago.

Our next stage in ministry will be going back to work in Iquique in the training and development of national pastors and co-leading the work in the Iquique church.

We plan on going on a furlough next year (2024); if you are interested in having us come and promote missions or share the fruit of your investment in Chile, we would love to come.

Thank you for your prayers, love, and financial support. You are a crucial ingredient in God's hands in spreading the Gospel to this remote and barren land in the Atacama region of Chile, where God has many people who need to have the new birth experience through Jesus our Lord.







(Youth Camp)



(Cynthia's Baptism)



(Karian's Baptism)

