

Dear Thadd and Ashley

May 5th we celebrated our 4th anniversary as a church with 113 in our services. It was a fun day remembering the victories, salvations and commitments we have seen in the past 4 years. All of our music students also shared in the service. Our church is averaging 90 on Sundays, with over 100 people attending during the week's activities.

Our youth groups and leaders had an outreach to an orphanage. They sang and played and showed Christ's love. It was quite an experience for our youth to see the needs of these children. We were given an open invitation to return anytime.

We recently had a soccer game for our men's group. It has been over 2 years since we had a friendly match. It was a good time of fellowship between the 20 men and 2 visitors that attended.

We organized a couple's night activity. It was a great time for our church people plus we had 4 new couples that attended, more prospective families.

New people attending:

Since March we have reached into 8 new families in our community. We marvel how God works in detail seeking the lost and bringing them to a knowledge of Him. Here are a few of their stories.

Eduardo's story. When we went to Santiago to see about Sophia's condition, we visited Dave Disney's church. We started talking with man that mentioned that his sister attends my dad's church in Iquique but he had an unsaved older brother in Alto Hospicio. Once we arrived back to Alto Hospicio I received a call from this man mentioning that the brother "Eduardo" wanted to visit our church. I made a call on him, a little distance out of town. He told me that he was asking God to find a path to him because he didn't know how to be good with God. I told him his prayers were answered and I presented the Gospel, he couldn't wait to make a salvation profession. He has attended church every Sunday since.

Rut and her daughter in college have gotten saved. She came to us from a "Christian" church that she had attended for 7 years though full of praise and emotional experience she had never heard the gospel!



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sulfur processing plant in our city



Youth outreach at orphanage



Youth outreach at orphanage.



Construction progress at camp.



Puppets made by Marcela a lady from our church



Luis with his wife, 2 daughters, nephew and neighbor were saved as the result of our VBS in February. Now dad is attending and has gotten saved.

Carlos' life was consumed by drugs; he lost everything he had, including his family. After coming clean through a Christian drug rehabilitation treatment, his pastor, a member of David Reinhardt's church in Iquique, encouraged him to attend our church. He is currently attending services with his ex-wife Patricia and his atheist, 20-year-old son every Wednesday night.

A sulfur processing plant in our city caught fire and burned for three days. The air was heavily contaminated. We were very concerned for our daughters 2 that are asthmatic! We are thankful that has passed.

We have two big events coming up in July. We will have 4 weeks of Puppet ministry involving many workers in the church. One of our ladies in our church did a great job making the big puppets. Carla has done a lot of translating scripts and one of our men has built a massive puppet stage. Pray this will be a good outreach ministry.

We will have an American mission team from Canon City, Colorado visiting us for 6 days. Their time with us will include extras services and a great time of fellowship. Pray that it will their mission experience will be life influencing event for them and our people.



Table 1 – Couples night



Table 2 – Couples night



Table 3 – Couples night



Table 4 – Couples night





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