

Dear Friends

We are thankful for your prayers, care, and support.

Here are some of the highlights from the last couple of months.

ORDINATION OF PASTOR ABNER QUEZADA

At the beginning of 2021, we sent three families from our church in Alto Hospicio to help start a new work under the leadership of Abner, a man prepared under the leadership of Pastor Dave Reinhardt. The mission has flourished, and we finished the year with the ordination service of Pastor Abner Quezada. It was an exciting time shared by a council of experienced ministers from Copiapo, Santiago, Iquique, and Alto Hospicio.

REACHING THREE SIBLINGS

Due to the increase of COVID-Omicron cases in our Region in December, we decided to go low-key for our Christmas program. We celebrated with very memorable church family fellowship. Two hours after we finished, as we were closing up the building, Aquiles, an older Bolivian member arrived late to the service with three teenagers, Juan de Dios, Abril, and Jeffrey (all siblings). Regardless of the time, we took the opportunity to explain the purpose of the Christmas celebration. After sharing the Gospel, all three prayed to accept Christ as Savior. Since that Christmas night, they have faithfully attended our services.

MY FIRST WEDDING IN THE MISSION FIELD

After ten years in the mission field, I finally performed my first wedding. Pablo and Nataly, who came to know the Lord about three years ago, decided to do the right thing and get married. They had an amazing, and beautiful ceremony on the beach. The next day several guests of the wedding visited our church including Juan a coworker of the groom and his wife Michelle, a medical doctor and Jose an engineer with his family.

“BACK TO CHURCH” CHILDREN'S CAMPAIGN

During one of the lulls of Covid we had a children’s campaign “back to church” where we had many families return to church. One of the highlights of this program was reaching six new Venezuelan kids.

CRISIS IN VENEZUELA

Thousands of migrants escaping the social-economic problems of Venezuela and are trying to resettle in Chile. Last year over 54 thousand undocumented immigrants poured into our city, bringing with them poverty, health crisis and a major spike in crime. Three major cartels have tried to establish themselves among them the famous Cartel de Sinaloa. The migrant crisis was such that the trucking unions and syndicates shut down all the major highways and entrances of the cities in northern Chile. The blockade lasted four days and forced the central government to finally elevate the security of the borders.

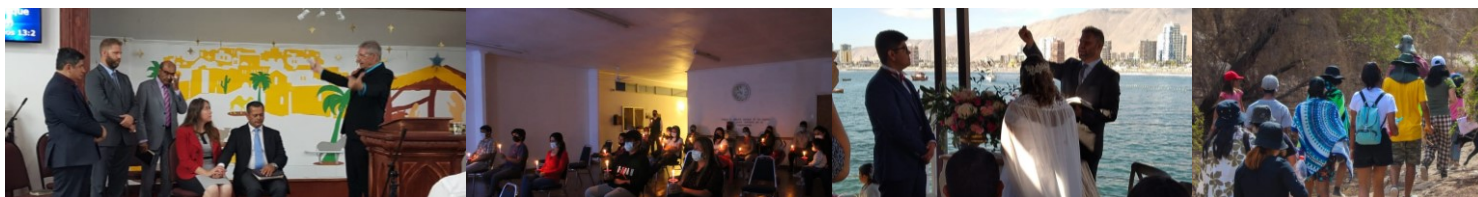
YOUTH CAMP

Our group of churches in northern Chile, planned for a weeklong youth camp in January. We anticipated 50 teens attending, but only 16 made it. In January our regions COVID cases spiked from an average of 30 new daily cases to over 900 new cases per day for about three weeks. This kept many worried parents from letting their children participate. Two days after the youth retreat was over, our Region declared restrictions of almost total lockdown, pushing us back to online-only services.

SOPHIA’S SURGERY

After waiting for two years, Sophia’s surgery was scheduled for the week after camp. Carla and I got COVID at youth camp, so the surgery was canceled until the next opening. We trust in God’s timing and guidance.

Thank you once again for your love, care, and support!



The REINHARDTS Missionaries to Chile