



Serving the Lord in Santiago, Chile

News from Bo and Barb Brink

8 "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. 9 "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

10 As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, 11 so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it." Isaiah 55

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Dear Family and Friends,

This last month has been a good exercise for us in accepting Isaiah 55:8-9 and trusting the words of verses 10-11. We know the Lord wants us here during these months, in spite of the constant changes in rules and restrictions. And we are seeing blessings as we try to make the most of the situation.

Some sections of our city have moved into Phase 2, giving us a little more freedom. On Sunday, May 2, we were allowed 20 people in church. We had 21, but shhhhh! It was wonderful to gather again for worship. This Sunday, we will have two services so more folks can attend. We're planning a special recognition for all the mothers. (Yes, Chile celebrates Mother's Day, too.)





Speaking of mothers, here's a new mom, Milagros, with husband Jorge, and our newest member, Emma, born April 9. Thanks for praying for them.

Because some of the people who attend our church are the Venezuelans living in our Shelter House (generally known as Amapolis, the name of the street we are on), they have been attending an introductory Bible course on Sunday mornings. Bo has 9 participants: 5 in person and 4 joining in through Zoom.



The Thursday night Zoom Bible study on Exodus continues. Soon Bo will be teaching another Zoom class (Introduction to Christian Doctrine) in the Bible Institute of the Lutheran Church of Chile.

Barb's course on Teaching the Bible to Children started Monday evening with 20 participants "zooming" in from four countries. She was concerned about doing a Zoom class in Spanish but many of you were praying for her and the Lord truly blessed the class. We will meet each Monday through June 21.



This is Betsi. She lives at Amapolis and right now her source of income is Delivery (that's "day-LEE-bair-ee"). Restaurants have tried to make ends meet with carry-out orders and since people in many areas can't leave their homes, delivery personnel are essential. We are thankful that Betsi is showing great interest in studying the Bible and enjoys our worship services.

This is Soldany. She was a little girl when we lived in Barquisimeto, Venezuela in the 90s. Her family belonged to our church there. What a wonderful reunion we had with her on Sunday. She has been in Chile for four years and is an active member of our church here. She's another example of someone having to leave all her friends and relatives behind to find work and security because of a communist government.



Thank you for your interest in the ministry in Chile and thank you for praying for us. Here are some prayer ideas.

- Thank the Lord for the Bible courses which have begun and are continuing, in person and through Zoom.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would work saving faith in the participants in Bo's introductory Bible class.
- Praise God for the blessing of Baby Emma and continue to pray for Jorge and Milagros in their role as Christian parents.
- Pray for Domenico and Corali (pictured in our last letter) whose baby boy is expected in the next couple of weeks.
- Pray for Chile, its people and its leaders as they deal with the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Pray for the Lord's blessing on our work and for open doors to reach out to the folks around us who are so in need of the gospel.
- Pray for the Venezuelan refugees who are seeking a better life, that they would experience the life-changing blessing of knowing Jesus.

Partners in the gospel,

Bo and Barb