



## Serving the Lord in Santiago, Chile

*News from Bo and Barb Brink*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!  
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.  
Psalm 103:1-2*

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Dear Family and Friends,

Thank you so much for your support through your offerings and prayers. Though our time here has not been exactly what we expected (due to Covid) we have kept busy in this small church plant and are thankful for the opportunity to serve.



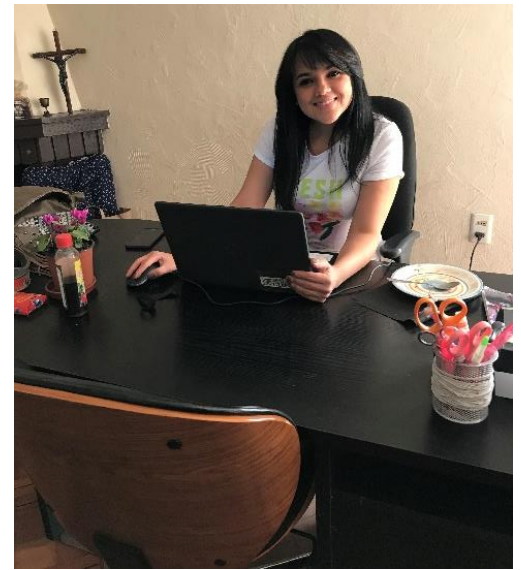
Baby Domenico was born to Domenico and Corali on May 13. He weighed in at 9 ½ pounds! All three are doing well.

We told you about Baby Emma last month. She was baptized on May 30th. Six guests joined us that day and heard the gospel message.



We had yet another beautiful reunion with friends from Venezuela. Kleiver was a teenager when we lived in Puerto Ordaz. Here he is with his family after leaving Venezuela, living a short time in Peru and now putting down roots here in Santiago. Kleiver's story, like the stories of millions of other Venezuelans fleeing communism, is one of leaving family, friends and jobs; settling down in a new country with few or nonexistent resources; and starting over again from scratch.

This is Elianeth. She is employed by Global Lutheran Outreach (GLO) and is busy these days with coordinating a shipment of medicines to Venezuela. Medicine there is so expensive that most people cannot afford it. GLO started its Venezuelan Relief Project in 2017 to provide life-saving medications to these people in need.



Requests for 25 common medicines are received from 21 Lutheran congregations in Venezuela. With donations received from all over the world, medicines are purchased in Chile and packaged for shipment by volunteers from our congregation. After arriving in Venezuela, the meds are sorted and distributed through the churches to the beneficiaries.

The most recent shipment in January, 2021, included a month's supply of medicine (over 97,000 pills) for 1,047 patients! The average cost per patient for a month's supply is about \$15 (including shipping.) May these meds make a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters in Christ in Venezuela!

Even though we still enjoy the view of snow-covered mountains from our upstairs window, our weather down here in the city still includes some sunny and warm afternoons. We were recently blessed to enjoy an amazing hike to a 100-foot waterfall in the nearby Andes foothills. Below, we will add some photos of the hike to Salto Apoquindo.

Please be praying for the Lord to direct this small congregation as it faces some challenges with building permits. We hold our worship services in the temporary structure seen in this picture. It may need to undergo some unplanned changes.



(Do you see the dolly in the lower left corner? It holds the video camera used for live streaming.)

People are anxious to worship in person. We had 5 first-time visitors yesterday who had not "signed up" to attend. This meant that we were over the 20-person limit, but everyone was happy worshipping together.

Thank you for praying for the growing church in Chile.

- Please continue to pray for the Bible courses we are teaching, and that the Holy Spirit would work saving faith in the participants in Bo's Bible class on the basics of the Christian faith.
- Praise God for the birth of Baby Domenico and the baptism of Baby Emma.
- Praise God for the visitors who have started attending our worship services.
- Pray for Chile, its people and its leaders as they continue to deal with the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Pray for the Lord's blessing on Elianeth and the Venezuelan Relief Project.
- Pray for the Venezuelan refugees who are seeking a better life, that they would experience the life-changing blessing of knowing Jesus.
- Pray for a solution to the current building permit challenges.

Partners in the gospel,

*Bo and Barb*

