



Serving the Lord in Santiago, Chile

News from Bo and Barb Brink

*I will praise you, O Lord, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples.
For great is your love, higher than the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.
Psalm 108:3-4*

July 15, 2021

Dear Family and Friends,

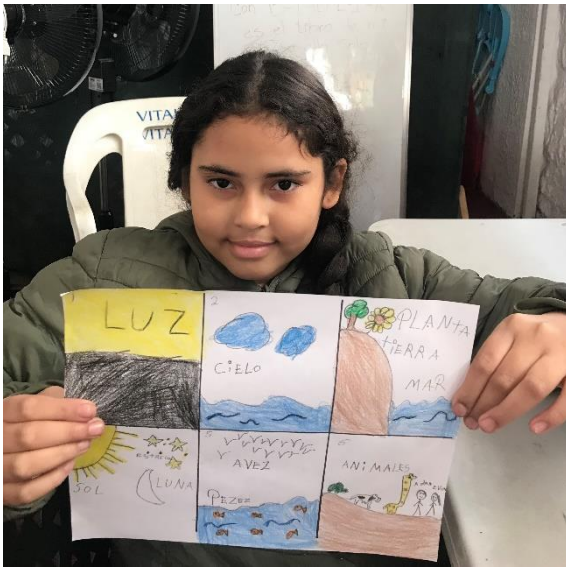
We are now at home in Las Vegas. Due to the COVID lockdown in Chile, our original flights to the U.S. were canceled and we had to rebook with another airline. The Lord worked out all the details, including arrangements to receive our COVID tests when the timing was very problematic. Thank the Lord, we arrived home safely on June 30.

As Santiago's fall weather turned to winter, we were starting to feel rather cold. One morning we even had frost on the car. We began to look forward to the warmth of Vegas, but temperatures hovering around 115 were quite a shock. So, we enjoyed the weather of Southern California as we reconnected with our children and grandchildren.

We are thankful for your support during our time in Chile. We know that prayer makes a difference and we are glad to have partnered with you in helping with God's mission there.

During the last month, Bo's responsibilities didn't slow down. He finished teaching the Christian Doctrine course to 13 students enrolled in the Bible Institute of the national church. In the course we call "Towards a New Life," five friends of the congregation remained faithful and will complete the course with Pastor Jim. In the last week in Chile, Bo led a Zoom funeral for a Lutheran Christian in Venezuela and planned the worship services for the three Sundays between our departure and the arrival of the Tinos.

Barb finished presenting the "Teaching the Bible to Children" course on June 21. She also helped one of the ladies of the congregation prepare for teaching Sunday School through the month of July.



Valeria and Valentina are our two most faithful Sunday School students.

By mid-June the government again tightened the COVID-related restrictions. This made it necessary to livestream one Sunday worship service from our house. We were thankful for the tech assistance of Genesis and Elianeth.



We came to love and admire the members and friends of the little congregation in Santiago. We have remained in contact with them. They are doing well and looking forward to the return of Pastor Jim and Liisa, who will arrive on July 16.

Please thank the Lord with us for:

- Giving us the opportunity to serve Him in Santiago for three months
- The growing Lutheran church in Chile
- A safe trip back to the U. S.
- Enjoyable reunions with family and friends

Please continue to pray for:

- All our Bible students: the lay leaders in the Chilean Lutheran Bible Institute, the friends of the congregation studying “Towards a New Life,” and the teachers who studied the course on teaching the Bible to children
- Our small congregation in Santiago as they continue to discover new ways of reaching out with the gospel and as they deal with COVID restrictions and building codes
- The Lord’s blessings on the Tinos as they return to Santiago and resume their ministry

May God bless each one of you,

Bo and Barb