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# Ventura, adventures in Chile.

August 2018.

*Ventura family Newsletter.*

***"For if when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled shall we be saved through his life!" (Romans 5:10***

The last several years in Venezuela have been full of political, economic, and social animosity. As a result, the majority of the people have hearts filled with hate, bitterness, resentment and sadness. This type of enmity with our neighbor has its roots in the relationship between God and man. The apostle Paul tells us "we were enemies with God". But God looked for a way to reconcile us to himself. Reconcile means to reunite two parts that have been separated in a relationship. God accomplished this through his Son Jesus Christ, who by his innocent suffering and death, has reconciled us with our Heavenly Father. He gives us peace with God, and with our neighbor. We are called to proclaim this "Gospel of Reconciliation", not only in Venezuela, Chile or the United States, but in all parts of our broken world. Amen.



## One Year Anniversary of our Departure from Venezuela

One year ago, on August 26, 2017, we began our long journey from Maturin, Venezuela towards Constitución, Chile. Like most of those involved in the Venezuelan exodus over these last few years, we travelled by land. This massive trip allowed us to see new geography and meet new brothers and sisters in the faith. These friends not only supported us in prayer, but offered us economic help in order to answer the call God has extended through the Lutheran Church of Chile.

During this time, God has allowed us to serve in His church with the gifts and talents that, by His grace, he has given us. Josue, Raquel and Adrianny lead the music. Cruz Maria runs the After School Program. I, Pastor Adrian, proclaim the Word of God. It has been a year of learning, of challenges and above all, of thankfulness to God for his care and protection.

Our desire is to continue serving our Triune God; to continue proclaiming the Gospel of Reconciliation to the people of Constitución. YOU can make that possible by going to Global Lutheran Outreach, and making an on-line donation for the support of the Ventura Isla family. If you desire, you can become part of our "mission team" by clicking here:

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## WORKSHOP: "How to Adapt to My New Life in Chile – Constitución"

An evangelistic event directed towards the many Venezuelan immigrants in our city of Constitución, was led by Rev. James Tino. Fifteen people were present, including both members and visitors. This workshop which explained the challenges of adapting to a new culture, was well received by all in attendance.

## MUSIC WORKSHOP - TALCA.

On Saturday, August 18, a music workshop was held at the Lutheran mission in the city of Talca. Liisa Tino gave two workshops focused on preparing members of the 2 churches in the Maule region to lead music in their congregations. In the morning and early afternoon 7 students worked on keyboard skills. In the late afternoon the workshop included several more members and focused on vocalization and learning new hymns.



## Church SNOW Outing!



**In August, God gave us the opportunity to get to know snow – up close! A few years ago we were able to visit Merida, Venezuela and saw snow on the summit of Mt. Bolivar. Recently, we took a drive with several members of the church and could actually play in the snow! What a beautiful, new experience!**

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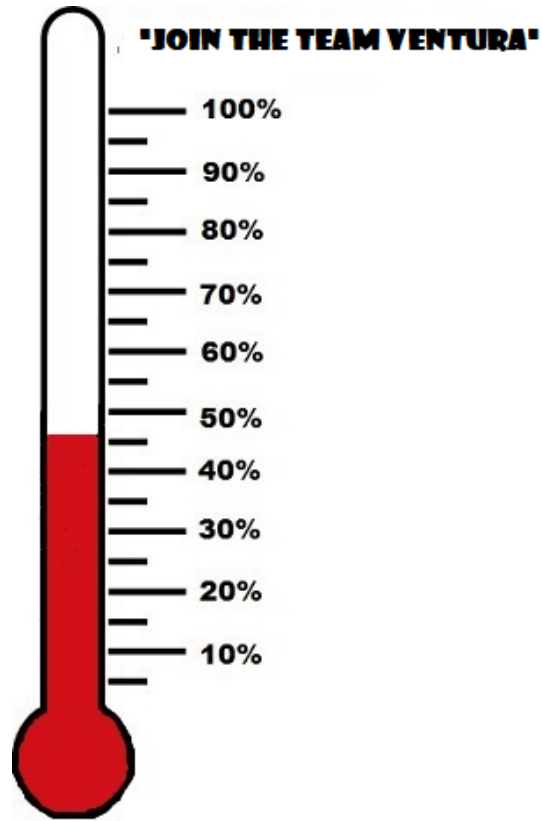
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## New Students!

During the second week of August we were happy to welcome 3 new students to our After School Program. They are: Valentina, Isadora and Meredith. We thank our loving God for this wonderful opportunity to serve the children of Constitucion!



## Prayers:

**We thank you, Heavenly Father, for the gift of reconciliation which you accomplished through the sacrifice of your son Jesus, who by his death, made it possible for us to have peace with God and with our neighbor.**

**Thank you, Triune God for providing our family with your care and protection during this first year in Chile.**

**We ask that by your Word and Sacrament you would continue to strengthen the faith of each Christian, especially those who are suffering from economic, political and social tribulations.**

**We pray for the projects of the Confessional Lutheran Church of Chile: the 2 Lutheran schools in Valparaiso and Viña del Mar, the Rehabilitation Center "Casa Betesda", and the After School Program in Constitución.**

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If you would like to know more about our future ministry in Chile, we have a virtual presentation which we would love to share with you! Contact us at: [adrianjvm@gmail.com](mailto:adrianjvm@gmail.com)

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