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Ventura, adventures in Chile.

February 2018.

Ventura Isla newsletter, missionaries in Chile.

**“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him, shall not perish, but have everlasting life.”
John 3:16.**

February 14 – the day of love and friendship! It is celebrated by the majority of friends and spouses. On this day, affection is shown to those we love with flowers, balloons, chocolates, stuffed animals and other gifts. The happiness and sentiments of love will last a while, but our sinful nature soon causes us to hurt the ones we love, and to inflict pain on our neighbor. But God has Good News for us: Love is not one day, but it is one person: Jesus Christ, God’s Son, who came to our sinful world to give His life on the cross and show us how much God the Father loves us. Now, He gives us love and forgiveness through His Word and the Sacraments. Strengthened by these gifts of grace, we can love others each and every day. May God motivate us each day to express His love to our neighbor. Amen.



"Volunteers".

During the third week of February, four volunteers visited us from a sister congregation in the USA. Together with Pastors James Tino and Omar Kinas, and also with members from the mission in nearby Talca, we worked on remodeling and preparing our grounds for the after-school program "Concordia" which will begin this school year at our mission. We put in long days of physical labor laying down sod as well as artificial grass for a playground. We built walkways and painted several areas of the church. The visit was also a great opportunity to share the love of God in the mission.

Soon the official mission work will begin! For this reason we want to encourage you to be part of our volunteer team! The Confessional Lutheran Church of Chile has provided us a beautiful parsonage, but our living expenses completely **depend on donations from people like you!** God tells us in His Word to use our gifts and talents to proclaim the Gospel, and He can use YOU to help proclaim it to the people of Chile too! For those of you living outside of the United States, take advantage of a special opportunity: GLO has agreed to match each dollar that is donated outside of the USA, towards our support. Of course, **on-line donations from any place in the world will help us reach the necessary level so that we can be officially installed in the ministry here in Chile.**

"Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. 10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins." (1 Jn 4:8-10)

Mission work is an adventure in faith. We trust that our Triune God will allow us to be His mouthpiece of mercy and goodness. If you desire, you can become part of our team by clicking here:

"JOIN THE TEAM"

iPastoral Activities!

We have been participating in the work of the national Lutheran church in the 7th region of Chile. On Saturday, February 18, we accompanied Pastor Omar Kinas in our first baptism. Then, on Monday, February 26 I was invited to a service of commemoration for 8 of the people who were killed during the earthquake of 2010. At the ceremony I met the mayor and several officials of the community.

“We love because He first loved us.” (I Jn 4:19)



Thank you, lord, for allowing us to proclaim Jesus Christ in the midst of city authorities and the community of Constitucion!.

“Maule week”.

Constitucion is a tourist city. For this reason, one of the projects of the municipality is the annual “Fiestas Maulinas”, where one can become familiar with the wonderful people and places of the region. We were not able to participate in all of the activities, but we did enjoy some such as the “Sand Castle” contest on the beach and the “Maulina Night” at various establishments along the Maule River.



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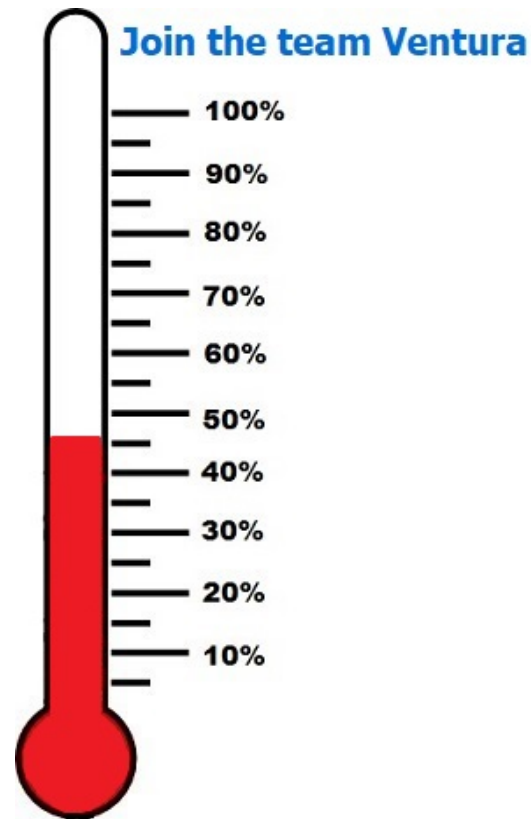
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"Happy Birthday".

I am thankful that God has allowed me to celebrate another year along side my family. I also thank all of you for your well wishes and continued prayers for me and my family.



Prayers:

- **For the mission in Constitución;** that God would guide us in spreading the Good News of the Love of God in Christ Jesus to the inhabitants of this beautiful maritime city.
- **For the After School project;** for the children and their families, that God would allow us to share the news of Jesus' love through educational activities.
- **For Chile;** that the love of God in Christ Jesus would reach to all citizens of this beautiful country and would continue to show compassion towards the many immigrants.

- **For Venezuela;** that God’s love would break Satan’s plans and provide a way out of the crisis that has a hold of the country.

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:

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