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Ventura, Adventures in Chile

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Ventura Islanda newsletter, missionaries to Chile.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. (Ps. 23:1)

I remember as a child at church on Sunday my paternal grandmother would enthusiastically recite promises from the Bible. Her favorite was "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want". These few words sum up the entire central message of the Holy Scriptures. God created us and provides everything necessary for our well-being. We, like sheep, have rebelled against our Creator, but He has continued to care for us to the extent that He gave us His son, Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, who sacrificed his own life to rescue each and everyone of us. We will lack nothing. The apostle Paul reminds us: "Who can separate us from the love of God?" In other words, what else could we possibly need? God has fulfilled His promise, and Christ is the perfect fulfillment of "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." Just as my grandmother enthusiastically repeated this beautiful promise, may God permit each one of us to feel that same joy and emotion as we proclaim, "The Lord is my Shepherd, I will lack nothing"....Amen.



We have arrived, but then again, not quite!

We have arrived! After a very long trip ([see article below](#)), we finally stepped onto Chilean soil. Although we are in Chile, we cannot yet start the ministry to which God has called us – proclaiming Christ in the city of Constitution so as to save many souls.

Why not? We have been called as missionaries and one of the characteristics of mission work is that you need to discover financial support for you ministry. The Confessional Lutheran Church of Chile will provide our housing, but my salary depends entirely on contributions that we receive from people like you.

We are here in Chile working on the first stage – raising funds for our ministry in Constitution. It is an adventure of faith and we trust that with Jesus as our Good Shepherd, we will lack nothing! If you are able to support us in this ministry, click on the button below! Thank you so much for being part of our “team”!

“JOIN THE TEAM”

THE VENTURA ISLANDA FAMILY JOURNEY

How did we getl to Chile? We travelled about 5000 miles by bus!

From Maturin, Venezuela to Cucuta, Colombia...we were surprised by all the products we found on the shelves of the stores in Colombia! And we prayed “Lord, help our country!”

From Cucuta, Colombia to Quito, Ecuador...After two days on the bus, we arrived at the border with Ecuador.

From Quito, Ecuadfor to Lima, Peru...
We thank the Zapata Marin family in Ecuador, also Paruta Casneiro, Soto Cuya and the Lutheran Mission in Peru. Many people along the way helped us with lodging and food.



Crossing borders!

We were all very excited as we began the journey, but as the days went by, the discomfort and tiredness began to set in. But, we kept going, trusting our Triune God.

Fortunately we didn’t have any troubles crossing the borders, other than the work of unloading the suitcases, carrying them, opening them, then storing them again!



Over all, it was pure fun...for the kids. But for the old folks, exhausting!



Finally...CHILE! After one month of travel, we finally arrived at our destination. The first stop was in Antofagasta where we visited with a cousin, Yumira.

How to support us:

1. Online credit or debit cards or paypal. [CLICK HERE](#)

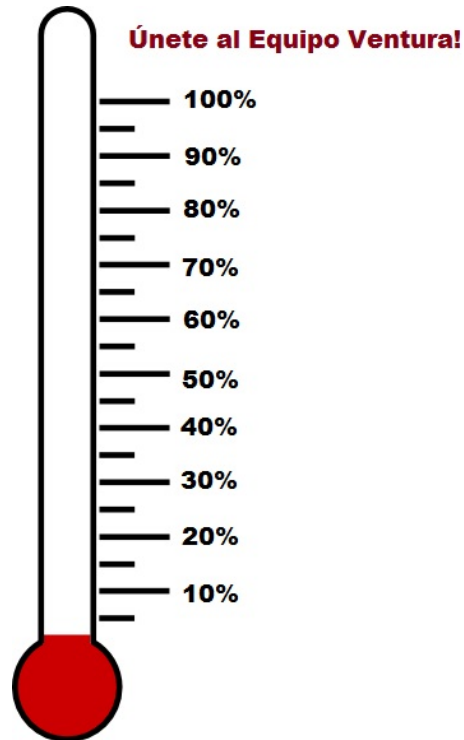
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2. Send a check to:

(eeuu)
Global Lutheran Outreach
6709 Ficus Dr.
Miramar, FL 33023
(include "Ventura" on the memo)

3. Pray! ([see below](#))

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those who pay US taxes, all donations are deductible from yearly taxes. Global Lutheran Outreach does not provide salaries to missionaries, but serves as a channel for processing donations.

Medical Support for Venezuela

Global Lutheran Outreach continues to support the Lutheran churches in Venezuela in several ways. Since arriving in Santiago, we have been able to participate in the sending of medicines, which are so necessary during these critical times in Venezuela

We thank all the individuals who have helped support and make possible this project of sending medicine to Venezuela.

Photo: We are helping with the distribution of medicines and the packing of the boxes which were sent to the Lutheran churches of Venezuela (ILV).



Prayers:

For the fundraising towards our ministry in Constitution:

“ We plea to the Triune God, that He would guide us to the resources needed in order to begin working at the Constitution Mission

For the many immigrants as they begin “new lives” in a different country:

“We pray for each person that travels beyond his/her boundaries, that they are able to find new opportunities, and that God would strengthen their families and guide their steps in their personal lives.

For the growth of the Lutheran misión:

“We pray for GLO, that God would allow more and more missionaries to go to mission fields around the world; that He would provide the necessary means for proclaiming the Gospel in from everywhere to everywhere.

For the celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation:

“We thank God for the work of Lutheran reformers in the 16th century who fought to rescue from the darkness the Light of the true Gospel, reflected in the perfect sacrifice of Christ.

If you want to know more about our future ministry in Chile, we have a virtual presentation that we would love to share

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