



To the Ends of the Earth

Chile mission news from Jim and Liisa Tino

DECEMBER 2016

Dear family and friends;

This year, we decided to combine our traditional “family” Christmas letter with our regular mission newsletter. If you want to view this online (to email to a friend, etc.), you can find it at: www.globallutheranoutreach.com/blog/tino. We pray that your Christmas is filled with love, laughter, and most of all, with the joy that comes from Jesus! We love you. - Jim and Liisa



PAN DE PASCUA!

We can tell Christmas is around the corner because the famous “Pan de Pascua” is appearing in grocery stores! The word “pascua” refers to both the Easter and Christmas holidays. Basically, this is the Chilean version of fruitcake we traditionally pass around in December. However, it’s not quite as dense or laden with chunks of candied fruit. We included a recipe for you ... add chocolate chips and it’s even yummier!

GLOBAL LUTHERAN
OUTREACH

Family News and Notes ...

This Thanksgiving, as Jim and I shared our North American traditions with new friends here in Chile, we dearly missed our children!

Benjamin, in his last year at Jacksonville University, will be beginning his student teaching (music education) in Jacksonville in January. He plans to graduate in April 2017.

Soni continues to teach 7th-8th grades at Shepherd of the Coast Lutheran school (Ft. Lauderdale) and this

year is even in charge of the school Christmas program! **Tyler** is making great recovery from his medical issues earlier this year and is doing well. Praise God!

Gabi and Daniel and 3 month old **Kyla** shared Thanksgiving with Aunt Bev. What a blessing to have family in the southwest! Little **Kyla** is quite the chatterbox and getting cuter by the day! Gabi is back to work teaching at Christ Lutheran School in Phoenix, while Daniel continues to

work at Bank of America.

Nika continues her studies at Logan University in the St. Louis area, and also works at “Longhorn” steak house. Her studies continue to be very demanding, but fuel her determination and commitment to the chiropractic field.

We are excited that both Ben and Nika will be spending Christmas in Santiago! They will be making the most of a semester break as they spice up our lives with family fun!

PAN DE PASCUA

1 c. butter, softened
1/3 c. light brown sugar
1/2 c. sugar
4 eggs, room temperature
3 c. flour
1 tsp. soda
1 tbsp. cinnamon
1/2 tsp. ground cloves
1/2 tsp. nutmeg
3/4 tsp. salt

3 tsp. grated orange peel
3 tsp. grated lemon peel
1 tbsp. strong brewed coffee
1/2 c. brandy, pisco, or rum
1/2 c. evaporated milk
1 tbsp. vinegar
1 cup nuts, finely chopped
1/2 c. (or more) raisins
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cream butter with the sugars until smooth and creamy. Add eggs one at a time until well blended.

Mix the dry ingredients and citrus peels. Whisk the coffee, brandy or rum, evaporated milk, vanilla, and vinegar together. Bit by bit, alternately add dry and wet mixtures to egg mixture. Fold in the nuts and raisins. Line the bottom of a 9-inch springform pan with a circle of wax paper. Spread the batter evenly into the pan. Bake for 45–55 minutes.

How do the pieces fit?

One time at a church activity, we gave each team of youth a jigsaw puzzle – in a plastic bag! They had to assemble the puzzle without the benefit of seeing the box-top picture. To their credit, each team assembled their puzzle in a matter of hours.

Our lives can often be like a jigsaw puzzle without the picture. God gives us a piece at a time, and we put them together without knowing what it will look like in the end. Sometimes, the pieces don't seem to fit anywhere; later, those "odd pieces" end up being the key to the whole puzzle.

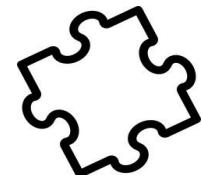
As many of you know, Liisa and I served as missionaries in Venezuela for 13 years. Raised our kids there. Learned to love the



Liisa and Jim with Venezuelan Lutherans who participate in our church in Santiago

people and the culture. We often thought of returning to Venezuela, but instead, God sent us to Chile. How do those pieces fit?

We have an inkling that we may be seeing part of the answer. Due to the disastrous economic situation in Venezuela, there has been a huge migration of Venezuelans to Chile! In this year alone, we have welcomed three Venezuelan Lutheran families to our church in Santiago. We wonder – is this what God had in mind for us? We are asking God if He wants us to start a more intentional ministry to Venezuelan immigrants in Chile. This type of ministry definitely was not in "our" plans! If it is the Lord's plan for us, He will need to open a door since we (apparently) have neither the time nor the budget to start this kind of ministry. Will you join us in praying for God to reveal His will?



Now Scheduling for February 2017!!

We are planning to be in the USA during the month of February 2017. We will be in Florida, Michigan, New Hampshire, and possibly Phoenix. We have not yet firmed up dates for any of those locations, so if your church or Bible study group would like to hear our presentation on God's mission in Chile, email Jim ASAP: revtino@hotmail.com. We would like to see as many of YOU as possible!

Beginnings and Endings

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." (Rev. 22:13)

As we move into the Christmas season, we are reminded that the year is almost at an end. In the calendar of the Church year, however, a new year has already begun! Here in Chile, the school year is ending as summer begins. In our lives as well, some things begin while other things end. Beginnings and endings. As a child, I learned the refrain, "All good things must come to an end." Later in life, I learned that all bad things, too, come

to an end! Nothing lasts forever.

Nothing, that is, except our God and Lord Jesus Christ! *"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."* (Heb. 13:8). In a world of change, full of beginnings and endings, it is comforting to know the One who is always the same, who has no beginning and no end. As your missionaries in Chile, it is our great joy and privilege to be your hands and feet in this place, introducing others to One who was born to give us life that never ends!

Our ministry in Chile is faith-funded. We deeply appreciate your partnership in this mission! If you would like to mail in a contribution, make your check out to "Global Lutheran Outreach" and use the enclosed envelope. Or, you can contribute online at: www.GlobalLutheranOutreach.com/blog/Tino! Automated contributions are available.

Want to see photos, updates, and more? Visit our web page: GlobalLutheranOutreach.com/blog/Tino

Are you getting our e-newsletter? We try to send out an email newsletter about once a month. If you are not on our email list, send an email to us: RevTino@hotmail.com and we will get you signed up!

Global Lutheran Outreach is a registered tax-exempt organization. Contributions are tax-deductible.



GLOBAL LUTHERAN OUTREACH
from everywhere to everywhere

Photos and Prayer Requests



Pastor Cristian Rautenberg (our co-worker) gives a tour of “Casa Betesda”, the rehabilitation center for severely handicapped young adults that we are building on our church property.



Volunteers from St. Louis worked in Santiago.

Kids (and their parents) enjoy recent children evangelism events with volunteers from the USA .



Volunteer youth from North Dakota worked in Constitución.

Prayer and Praise

+Pray for the evangelistic contacts made through the service of Volunteer teams from the US in October and November.

+ Praise God for Lutheran Hour ministries! We thank God for the new office which is next door to our new church location. Ask God to bless the two evangelistic conferences (on “Stress” and “Cultural Adjustments”) that are planned in the coming weeks.

+ Pray for Chilean lutheran pastor and co-worker Alejandro Lopez, wife Laura, and daughters. They accepted a call to Panama.

+ Praise God for the progress on “Centro Bethesda” – our rehab center for severely handicapped young adults. We hope to have our final “occupancy permit” by March 1!

+ Pray that our children’s Christmas programs will be effective evangelistic tools to share the Gospel in the neighborhoods of “Los Quillayes” and “Ciudad Satelite” in Santiago!

+ Praise God for the volunteer group of young people who served in Constitución a couple weeks ago! Liisa served as translator.