



To the Ends of the Earth

CHILE MISSION NEWS FROM JIM AND LIISA TINO

September 2018



The colors of the Chilean flag

are familiar to us - red, white and blue! Thus, the color scheme of this newsletter. Chile celebrates national pride and *chilenidad* (chilean-ness) during the *fiestas patrias* on September 18th (and the days close to the 18th!).

Dear James,

In worship on September 16th here in Santiago, we read these words from Deuteronomy:

"For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing forth in valleys and hills; a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey; a land where you will eat food without scarcity, in which you will not lack anything; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper." (Deut. 8:7-9)

Why? Many people think this verse describes Chile. Chile is known for soaring mountains and fertile valleys; copper mining; vineyards; wheat and barley; olive oil; honey; and more! The only thing Chile lacks to be a Promised Land is knowledge of the Promise - our eternal salvation through faith in Jesus. Thank you for helping us to introduce people to the Promise!

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September in Chile is like the 4th of July!

All of Santiago was in a festive mood as everyone celebrated the national holidays. Most people had the full week of September 16-21 off! Families gathered to eat *empanadas* and listen to music or dance. Children gather in fields to see who can fly their kite the highest. Neighborhood festivals, or *fondas*, have performances by dance troupes in typical costumes, traditional games, animal exhibits, live music, and food to be enjoyed - like a county fair. Our 2 congregations in Santiago celebrated a special worship service "*a la chilena*" (Chilean style) on Sunday September 16th. Several members wore traditional costumes and the music reflected the folk rhythms and styles of Chile. We shared a meal of *empanadas* afterwards, and there was even some *cueca* dancing!



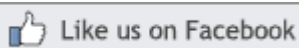
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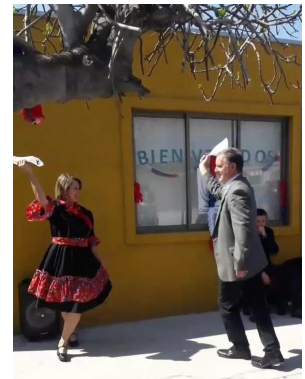
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Musicians for the special worship service!



Dancing the cueca!



Happy Birthday to Us!

On Sunday, September 9, we sang "Happy Birthday" to our mission in Providencia! 50 people gathered in our "house church" to thank God for the many blessings received in this first year of ministry.



A full house!

Six of the people in attendance are new since last year but are active participants at the mission. A church member put together a video to sum up the variety of activities that have happened in one year.

([you can view the video here.](#)) We can only praise

our awesome God for making it all happen! And, we thank so many of you who are a part of this "team" and support the mission, prayerfully and financially.



Presentation of anniversary gift



More people in the adjoining room!

Fun Fact: INDEPENDENCE DAY FOOD



During this week of national holidays, you see a lot of people walking around with a "choripan" (a hotdog style sausage) or "anticucho" (shiskabob), but most popular is the Chilean empanada. These turnover type delicacies can be baked or deep-fried, and include a variety of fillings. At this time of year, the favorite is "pino" - which is a meat and onion filling, usually containing raisins and a hard-boiled egg. Every housewife has her secret recipe for this hearty treat. [Click here if you want to try your hand at a typical Chilean gourmet empanada!](#)

Prayers & Praise

* **Thank the Lord for the new people** He has brought to the mission. Pray for the 3 individuals who are taking an intro-to-the Bible course - Jesús, Paula, and Zulú. Pray that their new-found faith will grow.

* Ask God to **lead us to the next correct location** for our growing church to rent ministry space. Pray that it



Immigrants in service... to us!

We constantly share with you about our ministry to immigrants. It is important that we include how **immigrants minister to us!** A character trait found in many Venezuelans is a humble attitude of service. We saw this in action on the anniversary weekend as our Venezuelan friends were cleaning, making pizzas, serving food, and cleaning some more.



Immigrants taking charge of the pizzas!

Always smiling. Always politely asking if they can help. This pleasant, willingness to work is giving a good reputation to Venezuelan immigrants here in Chile. Businesses benefit from their attitude. May people see in us, the Lutheran church, the same attitude that Jesus had...

[Click here to read more about our Immigrant Ministry.](#)



Ministry to the Disabled



Casa Betesda patients learn to dance *cueca*!

"Casa Betesda" rehabilitation center continues to make a difference in many peoples lives. Thanks to a grant given by brothers and sisters in Cabot, Pennsylvania, we are able to employ the director of special education, an assistant, and 2 therapists. Several of us volunteer our time

there as well. Recently the students have been learning songs and dances to go along with Chilean Independence Day this month. As you see in the photos, a wheelchair is no obstacle for dancing "the cueca"!

will be closer to the downtown area.

*** Pray that our merciful God would heal Natanael**, our coworker's son, so that he may finally leave the hospital. **Pray that God gives his mother and father hope**, joy and peace in the midst of these trials.

*** Thank God for the arrival of Aaron Farrow, new GLO missionary**, to form part of the team in Valparaiso, Chile. Pray that all necessary documents are quickly finalized so that his wife Yenifer can join him from the Dominican Republic.

*** Pray for our 4 children and 3 grandchildren**; that God would keep them safe and strong while we are not able to be close to them.

*** Ask the Almighty Father to keep His gracious hand over Venezuela**. Pray for all the funds to come in so that we may successfully send out the next shipment of medical aide to the brothers and sisters in the Lutheran churches there.

*** Pray for financial partners for our ministry**. The ongoing ministry to immigrants is exciting, but it is draining our coffers!



Update on Natanael

We have been asking your prayers for Natanael for some time now. Nata is the son of our missionary co-workers, Cristian and Ethel Rautenberg. Nata has a form of cerebral palsy, which also affects bone and muscle development. In April he had an operation to correct a twisted leg bone. Recovery has not gone well, and Nata contracted osteomyelitis, which is an incurable infection of the bone. He is still in the hospital (5 months now!). His parents are exhausted. Liisa and I support them as much as we are able. Join us in praying for a miracle!



Liisa visiting Nata in the hospital

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Our work would be impossible without each of you, our "mission partners"! In addition to providing our living expenses, your financial contributions have also been supporting our immigrant ministry in Santiago, which is growing! Unfortunately, the growth of the ministry is out-stripping our financial support and our "bucket" is almost empty.

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