



# From the Ends of the Earth

## Chile Mission News from Jim and Liisa Tino January - February 2021

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**We will be in the USA on furlough shortly! Scroll down for details!**

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Dear James,

"...those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." (Is. 40:11)

Tired of winter yet? We can't say the same! It is mid-summer here in Chile, and we are enjoying it! Even though we are not suffering from the winter blues, there is plenty to wear out even the most hardy among us. The pandemic seems like it will never end. Social media is exhausting. Politics kills the soul. Pastors and parishioners alike are weary of half-empty churches, social distancing, and virtual meetings. Where does one find the strength for each new day?

The prophet Isaiah reveals the answer: "those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength." Not those who hope in a vaccine, or in politicians, or in money, or in anything else, but those who hope in the Lord. That's a good reminder for me. Wherever you are, whatever struggles you are facing, put your hope in the Lord and He will renew your strength!

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### Moveable Chapel Project

A moveable chapel? Well... the Old Testament nation of Israel had a moveable chapel called a "tabernacle" that they carried with them in their desert wanderings. We don't plan to be wandering Santiago from week to week, HOWEVER, since our ministry location is rented, we don't know how long we will be here! We don't want to build something and then - if we have to move - lose our investment. Thus, a moveable chapel!

Our first step was to build a solid floor, like a cement patio. (That part isn't moveable!) The floor cost about \$800



and used up all of our funds. Walls, a roof, and electrical will cost about another \$4,000. For now, we are worshipping under canopies (see next article) as we wait for the Lord's provision, and we know that He will provide! Providing a space for worship is an important part of our ministry to immigrants. If you would like to contribute to the chapel, **[click here to make a donation to the Santiago Immigrant Ministry project!](#)**



## Hail causes damage

Due to covid-19 restrictions, we have to hold worship services outdoors for now. With our new cement patio (see previous article), we bought some canopies and were all set! Until a freak summer hailstorm, that is. It was disappointing to have our canopies ruined after just two weeks of outdoor services on our new floor! True, they were not high-quality canopies, but they cost us about \$50 each. And the hail was big!



## Medicine for Venezuela project blesses thousands!



*Pictured above is about half of one shipment. Each box contains approximately 1000 - 1500 pills.*

The country of Venezuela - where we served as missionaries for 13 years - continues going from bad to worse. Wages are now two dollars per MONTH. For the past three years, we have been supporting our Venezuelan brothers and sisters by sending life-sustaining and (in some cases) life-saving medicine from Chile. A typical shipment serves about 1000 patients with a month or more supply of their medications.



*GLO missionaries Rev. David Ernst and his wife Luz Maria (far right) with members of their congregation celebrate the arrival and distribution of medicines in La Caramuca, Venezuela.*

Medicines are distributed through the network of 21 Lutheran congregations in Venezuela. Since many of our members in Santiago are Venezuelan immigrants, this project is near and dear to our hearts. Unfortunately, this may have been our last shipment as funding for the project has been exhausted. Each shipment costs about \$10,000, or about \$10 per patient. **[To learn more about this project, click here.](#)**

## Furlough Plans now being made! Can we visit you?

YES! It's time! Since covid-19 frustrated our plans to visit our mission partners this past Fall, we have rescheduled. We are well aware that for many churches, the Sunday morning dynamics have changed dramatically. Still, we would LOVE to visit your church, if possible, to share the news of God's mission in Chile!

This year, in addition to visiting congregations, **we would also like to emphasize visiting with small groups. This could be a home Bible study group, a mid-week congregational Bible study, or other group.** If you are interested in scheduling a visit for a group or for your congregation, please email Jim directly: [revtino@hotmail.com](mailto:revtino@hotmail.com)

Here is the tentative schedule of where we will be, and when:

MICHIGAN: March 27 - April 20 (Sundays available: March 28, April 11 and 18).

ARIZONA/CALIFORNIA: April 21 - May 10 (Sundays available: April 25, May 2 and 9).

FLORIDA: May 11 - June 7 (Sundays available: May 9 and 23, June 6).

NEW ENGLAND: June 7 - June 21 (Sundays available: June 13, and 20).

## PRAYERS AND PRAISE

\*Praise God that we were able to pour a concrete floor to use in our new worship area.

\*Pray that the Lord would provide the funds to build an inexpensive structure on this floor before autumn weather starts at the end of March! Also, ask for God's guidance in making construction plans.

\*Thank the Lord for a committed core group in this small congregation and for their desire to grow in their own faith and to help others see what a relationship with Jesus is truly about.

\*We pray that the Holy Spirit will move in the hearts of those here (and in the USA) whose faith has "cooled off" during the pandemic... motivate them to draw near to the fellowship of believers.

\*We give all praise to God for sustaining us through the challenges of COVID-19 and that many have recovered from the infection. We ask for the Divine Doctor to bless the administration of the vaccine.

\*We pray for the families of those who have lost loved ones to corona virus; specifically, Elianeth, Jim's assistant in Santiago, whose mother passed away in Venezuela.

\*We thank the Lord for new missionaries who have accepted God's call to serve in different parts of the world. We ask that the Lord provide for their funding.

\*Thank God for a new group of immigrants that are now housed at the mission site (10 in all!). Pray that their lives will be changed by hearing the Word and seeing God's mercy at work.

\*Join us in praying for Paul (Bo) and Barb Brink who have agreed to come and "fill in" at the mission while we are in the USA visiting you all!

## RAIN CAUSES DESTRUCTION

If you like the sun, Santiago, Chile is a good place for you! Of course, in the winter it's plenty cold, but it is seldom cloudy. It only rains 37 days in the year, on average! The dry season is from October through March, so it was very unusual that last week, on January 29, record amounts of rain fell! (Yes, the same day of the hailstorm - see above article). January can be the hottest month of the year, but last weekend it cooled off to the 50's as the metropolitan region received more than 31 mm of rain, the largest summer rainfall in Santiago since 1933! Now that's only a bit over 1 inch, but in a 24-hour time period that can cause a lot of destruction in dry, desert-like conditions. Rivers overflowed their borders, there were landslides in the



mountainous areas and communities south of the capital reported many homes damaged by mud and water. Since we recently received a donation of quilts from Lutheran World Relief, we were able to provide some quilts to one of affected communities. Pray for Chile as it dries out and aid is offered to those affected.

We continue to be deeply appreciative of your partnership in the Gospel as together we press ahead with the tasks to which the Lord has called us! Your prayers, words of encouragement, and support are what keeps God's mission in Santiago going!

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