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Chile Mission News from Jim and Liisa Tino July 2021

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Dear James,

Later that night, the boat was in the middle of the sea, and he (Jesus) was alone on land. He saw the disciples straining at the oars, because the wind was against them."
(Mark 6:47-48)

Do you ever feel like you are alone and unnoticed in your struggles? The disciples must have felt that way - a dark and stormy night, far from land, no moonlight or starlight to guide them, rowing against the wind. Earlier in the day, Jesus had told them to go on ahead while He stayed behind. At this point, the disciples must have been wondering, "Where is Jesus? Why did He leave us alone?"

The thing is, He didn't. Leave them alone, that is. "He saw the disciples straining at the oars..." He saw them? Either Jesus had low-light binoculars, or something else was going on. The reality is that Jesus is God, and one of God's characteristics is that He is omni-present (present in all places and at all times). He was in the boat. He saw their struggles. They were not alone, even though it felt that way to them.

Jesus sees you as well, maybe feeling a bit lost at sea, rowing against the wind. He is with you. You are not alone!

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Display table and presentation at Christ Lutheran, Troy, NH. Pictured with Liisa's parents, Ed and Shirley Mattson.



Where have we been?

It has been a LONG TIME since our last newsletter! From April through mid-July, we have been on furlough. A furlough is a time for



ABOVE: With pastor (hispanic) Carlos Velasquez, St. Paul Lutheran, Orange, CA.

BELOW: Mission festival at St. Luke's, Dedham, MA. Organized by (aunt) Priscilla Kerulainen and Jackie Hartman.



missionaries to step away from their work on the mission field, reconnect with family and friends, renew relationships with mission partners and supporting congregations, and share what God is doing in their mission corner! It is certainly not a vacation, although sometimes we can squeeze in a little of that, too! Our mission partners and family members are scattered across the USA, which makes it a challenge to visit everyone.

Here's our furlough "by the numbers":

- Weeks in USA: 15
- States travelled to: 8
- Congregations visited: 12
- Sermons preached: 23
- Mission Presentations: 8
- Funerals officiated: 1
- GLO board meetings hosted: 1
- Miles driven: over 3,750
- Miles flown: over 17,100!
- Grandchild birthday parties: 1
- Houses painted: 2
- Mountains climbed: 1
- Finnish Folk Dances learned: 5

LEFT: With pastor Brian and Sarah Stolarczyk and family, Lutheran Church of the Cross, Port Charlotte, FL.

RIGHT: Bringing the Word of comfort to the grieving. Funeral of Billy Hackworth (godson), Bedford, VA.



ABOVE: The line at the airport to show our papers and register for quarantine.

From Freedom to Freezing!

We're back in Chile! After enjoying life in the USA which is relatively free of covid restrictions, and after enjoying some summer weather, we returned to Chile - it's dead winter here, and covid restrictions are still nearly in full force. Here is how our "re-entry" has gone:

About 20 hours after leaving Miami – 8 of them spent on a plane - we finally got situated in our "Quarantine Hotel". What happened in between? Well, there were

BELOW: Another line at the airport, this one to board the government-provided bus to insure that we arrive at our designated quarantine hotel.



delays, documents and Covid protocol lines. Our flight was the last of several to arrive at the Santiago airport early in the morning on Friday July 16. We zigzagged through a roped off area for 3 hours before presenting our recent negative covid results from the USA, and then proceeded to take the PCR test one more time. Immigration, baggage and customs went smoothly, only took about an hour or so. Then we had another 3 hour wait for the government-sponsored bus that took us to the certified quarantine hotel.

After that journey, we were thankful for the 5 days of hotel quarantine, isolation and rest. On July 21, we were released to continue mandatory quarantine for 5 more days in our own home. We were finally able to leave our house on July 27! It's time to get back into ministry!

PRAYERS AND PRAISE

*PRAISE GOD for guarding, and even growing, the mission in Santiago during our absence. We thank Him for the work of Pastor Paul and Barb Brink who filled in. We praise Him for the leaders who took responsibility and kept things going!

*PRAY FOR the next steps of mission "Divina Providencia"...location, leadership, growth.

*THANK THE LORD for the 2 new babies at the mission and pray for the safe delivery of 2 more!

*PRAISE GOD that another shipment of medicine for Venezuela is being prepared. Pray that volunteers will be able to package the pills and the courier service will continue to be reliable.

*THANK GOD that we were able to enjoy more freedom and mobility while in the US, in spite of corona virus.

*PRAY that other countries who are still suffering severely from Covid19. Pray that Chile can soon return to a more normal life and worship can be open without limits.

*PRAISE GOD for the encouragement and support we received while visiting family and friends throughout the USA.

*ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT to move the hearts of Christians – in all places - to "return to their stronghold", Jesus; to seek the fellowship of believers, the Life-giving sacraments, and the accountability that comes from worshipping TOGETHER, not distanced.

*PRAY that God would mercifully keep our parents, our children and our grandchildren under His care while we are apart.

*SPECIAL PRAYERS for pastor Paul (Bo) Brink who, upon returning from Chile, was diagnosed with a malignant cancer tumor in his stomach and has been hospitalized with numerous complications. Pray for his healing and for peace and strength for his wife Barb.



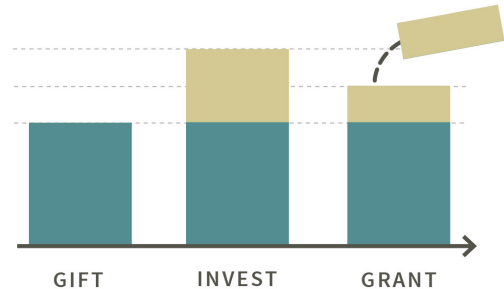
ABOVE: Liisa and Jim with pastor Bo and Barbara Brink upon their arrival in Chile in March 2021. Bo is now hospitalized with stomach cancer and numerous complications.

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