

## From the Ends of the Earth

# Chile Mission News from Jim and Liisa Tino November 2021

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Dear James,

"...the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry..." (1 Ki. 17:16)

Inflation seems to be on everyone's mind these days, both in Chile and in the United States. Where will it end? Will we be able to make ends meet? "Financial insecurity" has entered our lexicon, just in time for Thanksgiving. As faith-funded missionaries, we often feel like the widow of Zarephath. When the prophet Elijah came to her for food and shelter, she told him that she was about to prepare the final meal for herself and her son with the last of their food. Elijah told her to fix something for him and then for themselves. Though doubtful of how that would work out, she did it, and God miraculously provided more flour and oil - just enough for each day. And they all ate "for many days"!

God provides. In His way, in His timing, and sometimes just enough for the day, but He provides! That fact alone is reason enough for THANKSGIVING and THANKSLIVING! We thank God for His provision for our ministry through you, and we pray that He will also ensure that YOUR flour is not used up and your jug of oil does not run dry. Read on to see how God is working through us together to bring the Good News of Jesus to people in Santiago, Chile!

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Four students recently completed the evangelistic course called "Towards a New Life" and received their certificates of completion during worship!



ABOVE: Jim leading a full-day "catequetical retreat"!

In our last newsletter we asked you to pray for new adult believers who were beginning to learn about Lutheran doctrine. As the group progressed, they decided they wanted to pick up the pace and spend a whole Saturday studying God's Word. So, Pastor Jim lead a workshop called "Knowing God" from 9 am to 5 pm where there was time to delve into the catechism! Praise God, 11 people participated! As a result, we have 5 people who are ready to get confirmed, 2 adults who want to be baptized, and 2 more who are thinking about becoming members! Plus, there is a 13 year-old studying the catechism and a few others who want to continue studying. Praise God for planting the faith in these people! And THAT is reason enough for thanks!

## **Celebrating the Reformation!**

Did you know that October 31 is a national holiday in Chile? Since there are multiple Catholic holidays throughout the year, in 2008 the government named October 31 as the official PROTESTANT holiday. Another law says if a holiday falls on Sunday, you automatically add either Friday or Saturday. Therefore, this year, Reformation Day fell on a long weekend and MANY people in Santiago left the city to enjoy a mini-vacation on the coast. However, we were happy to have 37 people in worship on Sunday! With the sanctuary adorned in red, we celebrated the re-birth of the Scripturebased, Faith-founded, Grace-driven church. There were Venezuelans, Argentines and Chileans present so our music reflected this cultural mix. Yes, you could hear "Castillo Fuerte" (A Mighty Fortress) resounding from our tent walls as well! You also heard the Bell Choir accompanying worship. Click here for a sample!

The congregation planned an afternoon of fellowship with a meal of Arroz con Pollo and a "Luther Rose" craft. A neighbor, who visited church for the first time, said he didn't know there were Christians close by who had a Reformation Service. We pray that he accepts our invitation to come back! And THAT is reason enough for Thanks!



ABOVE: Reformation service is underway!

BELOW: Members and friends doing the "Luther Rose" craft after the service.





Liisa with one of her music therapy students at "Bethesda House" rehabilitation center in Santiago.

...at least that's what Liisa thinks! Fortunately, on the mission field there are plenty of opportunities to use those gifts. Once a week she does "music therapy" at Casa Bethesda. It is amazing to see how music touches these students and allows them to express themselves, to explore new things, and to unite them as they make music together. Click here to hear a recent performance of Beethoven's Ode to Joy and find another REASON for giving THANKS to God! Unfortunately, training music leaders for church is a more difficult challenge. A certain level of expertise and a sense of commitment are necessary. We are very grateful to Domenico who is a faithful part of Sunday music. We are delighted with the possibilities of several members of the Immigrant Housing who have begun to participate. Pray that Betsi, Abraham and his daughter, Valeria, will grow to be

## PRAYERS AND PRAISE

\*We PRAISE GOD for the good news that PASTOR PAUL BRINK'S chemo treatment is successfully fighting the cancer! Continue to pray for complete healing.

\*We THANK THE LORD FOR COMMITTED LEADERS of the congregation "Divina Providencia". Pray for wisdom as they begin the call process to find the right pastor to continue this mission in 2022.

- \* Join us in ASKING GOD TO RAISE UP more committed WORSHIP LEADERS in our church.
- \*PRAY FOR CORALI AND DOMENICO, the coordinators of our immigrant housing ministry, that God would grant them wisdom and defend them against the attacks of the devil.

\*We pray for God's SPIRIT TO MOVE IN THE HEARTS OF THE NEW BELIEVERS so that they will cling to God's grace and desire to be members of the church.

leaders in worship.

\*PRAY FOR THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS for president and senators in Chile on November 21. Pray for the people to remain peaceful and to be respectful during this process.

\*Remember to PRAY FOR IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES In all parts of the world; that God would make us sensitive to their needs and show us how to share the Love of Jesus with them.

\*Continue to pray for LIISA'S FATHER ED, battling cancer and undergoing chemo, and JIM'S MOM NORMA, struggling with memory loss.

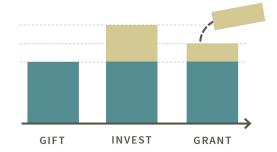
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