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Chile Mission News from Jim and Liisa Tino February 2022

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Dear James,

Greetings to you in the name of Jesus! We apologize that this newsletter has been somewhat delayed, for reasons that will become clear as you continue reading! We pray that all is well with you as we all continue to serve Jesus in the places and circumstances to which He has called us. And now, on to the news!

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Visits from Family



As we sent our Christmas greetings to you in December, we were in the midst of preparing to have family share the holidays with us here in Chile. The house was filled with the sounds of our grandchildren's laughter as Gabi, Daniel and kids spent a couple weeks with us. Ben was also able to join us from December 26 to January 6. There was cookie baking, walks to the parks, crafts, crazy times with Uncle Ben, and lots of fun and games with "Lito and Lita" (grandpa and grandma). Besides seeing the Chilean sites – the mountains, the city, the ocean, the restaurants, and culture – there were also many opportunities to participate in mission life. For example...

Cena Navideña (Venezuelan-style Christmas dinner)

First, the preparation: About fifteen members of the mission gathered on December 18 to spend the day chopping, cooking, and assembling the traditional Venezuelan *hallaca* (meat-filled corn dough wrapped in a plantain leaf and boiled) for our Christmas dinner. **Then, the eating:** On Sunday 60 people came to church for an evening service followed by fellowship centered around eating *hallacas*, accompanied by *Pan de Jamón* (homemade bread filled with ham, raisins and olives) and *ensalada de gallina* (potato salad with chicken and carrots). Then there was a Christmas sing-along including many favorite Venezuelan Christmas carols, followed by dessert.



Children's Christmas Pageant



During advent we held several "Saturday Kids' Club" events in an evangelistic effort to reach more families with the Christmas story. Besides the 4 children of the congregation, three new children participated! On December 26 the children presented a living nativity which included a real live baby Jesus (Donito, son of Corali and Domenico) and our grandchildren! Kyla even got to say her lines in Spanish: "No temas, Maria" - when Gabriel told Mary not to be afraid.

Church Picnic!

In the "southern cone" of South America, December marks the beginning of summer. At the beginning of January, with a bit more relaxation of Covid restrictions, we were able to share in an all-day church picnic with our sister congregation, *La Cruz de Cristo* (Cross of Christ). We began the day at a retreat center with a casual church service. Then there was time to swim in a pool, play cards, chess or ping pong and wait for the chicken to cook on the barbecue. About 30 members of our mission enjoyed getting to know the brothers and sisters from the other congregation in Santiago. As the afternoon wound down a big pot of steaming clams, mussels and scallops cooked in wine was brought out! Then we had a closing devotion to finalize a wonderful day of fellowship.



Ben gets married!!



Above: Ben and Scarlett with the proud parents!

Below: The reception venue.



During Ben's visit to Santiago (end of December), we went shopping for a wedding tuxedo! Yes, all the plans came together for him and Scarlett Paz from Puerto Barrios, Guatemala to be married on February 4, just in time for Valentine's Day! We travelled to Guatemala at the end of January for the wedding, and then stayed another week so that Jim could visit the other two Global Lutheran Outreach missionary families in that country. Soni, Ty, and Nika were also able to be there for the wedding. We enjoyed getting better acquainted with the Paz family - although Jim has known Byron Paz (Scarlett's father) for over 25 years. The wedding itself was held in Scarlett's home church in Puerto Barrios (Ben's pastor from Zacapa officiated so that the pastor-dads could be "dads"), and the reception was a beautiful event at a fabulous outdoor venue. [Click to see a video of the fabulous reception!](#) Pray for the new couple as they begin their life together and that Scarlett can get her USA visa so they can celebrate a second wedding in the States with family later this year!

A new pastor?

"The job of a missionary is to work himself out of a job." There is a lot of truth to that statement, especially when it comes to church planting. A successful church plant will be able to continue reaching out and ministering to the community with its own resources and under the leadership of a pastor that has been called by the congregation. After nearly eight years in Chile, we are working to transition out of the leadership of this ministry and "pass the baton" to capable leaders that God has called and equipped for the task. A few weeks ago, "Divine Providence" Lutheran Church in Santiago extended a call to Rev. Adrian Ventura to serve as pastor. Please pray that God would guide Adrian as he considers this call to service.

PRAYERS AND PRAISE

***We thank our Almighty God for the growing congregation "Divina Providencia" and ask for His continued guidance as we search for a new property for the church.**

***We humbly thank our Loving Father for the opportunity to support, serve and**

***We praise God for the healthy baby girl growing and developing in our daughter, Gabriela. Pray for safety for her and guidance as they face changes in 2022.**

*** We thank the Lord that Nika is successfully working as a chiropractor in St. Louis and pray for her health and well-**

teach the many immigrants who come through our temporary housing facility. Pray that a **clear procedure** will be developed by the government **to legally process** these people struggling to make a new life in Chile.

***We pray for** His blessing on **Domenico and Corali** who oversee the immigrant project.

***Pray for comfort for the many church members** who have lost loved ones to various infirmities, including covid, during the last year. Specifically, pray for the Lutheran church of Guatemala and the Orozco family at the **sudden passing of long time friend, Pastor Abdiel Orozco.**

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***We thank God for Tyler (Soni's husband) and his Recovery House** business. Continue to guide and bless their family as they consider new opportunities this year.

***We rejoice with Ben & Scarlett** as they begin a new chapter of their life together – not just as husband and wife – but as missionaries in Zacapa, Guatemala.

***Pray** that our Missionary-sending God would **reveal to us the new Pastor of Divina Providencia church** and show us the next steps to take in our return to living in the USA.

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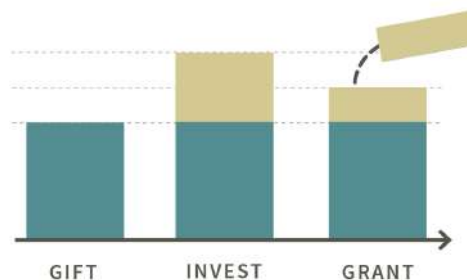
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