



## From the Ends of the Earth

### Chile Mission News from Jim and Liisa Tino

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Dear James,

28 degrees is the forecast for tonight's overnight low temperature. It's definitely winter here in Chile – winter in July. Not only that, but one of the coldest winters in recent memory, and certainly the coldest we have had during our eight years as missionaries in this country!

Even in summer, there are a lot of “winters” going on in our lives. Some pass through the seasons of life as expected – the Spring of new birth, the Summer of youth, the Fall of maturity, and the Winter of old age. When winter comes, it is expected. But for others, winter intrudes unexpectedly, out of season. A terminal diagnosis. A degenerative disease. Disability. Or even tragedy.

As Christ-followers, we should be prepared for winter in July. Should be, but we're not. Not usually. It still takes us by surprise. Surprised, but not unprepared. We have faith in Jesus who came to give His life for us, and then rose again to prepare our eternal home! A place where there will be no more hunger or thirst, where the sun will not beat down on us nor will the cold chill our bones, and where every tear will be wiped away from our eyes. (see Rev. 7:15-17).

Preparing people for winter. That's what we do here in Santiago. Thanks for coming alongside us!

### “I saw a picture on Facebook... where are you guys?”

We've been getting that question a lot lately, so this newsletter will be mostly about “Tino Family News”. Of course, ministry is still going on as well, so there's a lot to share!

As you probably recall, we have been trying to wrap up our ministry in Chile for at least six months now! There are a few major factors in this decision. First, we feel the need to be closer to family so we can lend a hand with some pressing family concerns. Also, Jim's role as director of Global Lutheran Outreach continues to require more time and travel. Finally, we feel that the church here in Santiago has matured enough to enable a successful transition to new leadership. So, our plan was to leave Chile during the first half of the year. But as the saying goes, “We plan; God laughs”. (I think that's a saying! If not, it is now.)

Since God did not agree with our plan, we have had to “divide and conquer”. Liisa traveled to the States on April 1 in order to be with family, while Jim has continued the ministry in Santiago and with GLO. Here are some highlights!

## Jim and Liisa's Newsy News!

**In April**, Liisa traveled to be with daughter Gabi and husband Daniel in Phoenix for the birth of their third child, a daughter! **Kaylee Marie Sipp** was born on April 14. Liisa was able to stay with the Sipp family until the first week of May, helping out with cooking, cleaning, child care, and chauffeur services. Also in April, Jim's duties as GLO director brought him to Michigan for an intensive course on fundraising, led by the Lutheran Foundation. While in Michigan, he was able to spend a few days with his parents, Dennis and Norma Tino.



Mom Tino, enjoying her flowers on Mother's Day



(L to R) Jim, Rafael Flores, and Rev. Juan Pablo Lanterna.



**In May, Liisa travelled to Michigan** to spend six weeks with Jim's parents and to lend a hand. She provided some much-needed relief for Dad Tino who is the full-time caregiver for Norma. Norma has advanced memory loss and is in delicate health. Liisa was able to arrive in time to celebrate Mother's Day with them, and then she stayed until mid-June.

While Liisa was in Michigan, **Jim's duties took him to several places.** First, he represented the Lutheran Church of Chile at a Symposium in the **Dominican Republic**. The Symposium was convened to introduce the new *Himnario Luterano* (Spanish Lutheran Hymnal), which has been over a decade in the making. The new hymnal is a rich resource for Spanish-language Lutheran churches. Also in the Dominican Republic, we celebrated the graduation from seminary of several new students, one of whom is from Chile. The new graduate - **Rafael and his wife Jamielynn** – will be serving their vicarage in Chile as soon as they can secure the proper visas.

Next, Jim's duties took him **to Guyana to accompany new GLO missionary Victor Rivas** on his "initial field visit". Victor, wife Belen, and daughter Sophia are from Guatemala and are currently raising



Jim and Victor (2nd from right) with church leaders in Guyana.

support for their ministry, with the goal of deploying to Guyana in early 2023. Since they will be our first missionaries in Guyana, Jim needed to go along to better define their future ministry and to establish channels of communication with our local partners.



**The celebration continued** at the Kowalski family home with a cook-out and tons of other food, all put together by daughter Sonrisa and her cousin Lauren. Nika made it out to Michigan (from St. Louis) as well, so the only one of our family who wasn't there was Ben and Scarlett. Scarlett still has not been able to obtain a visa for travel to the States.



Once those trips were completed, Jim joined Liisa in **Michigan** just in time to welcome the arrival of the Sipp family who drove from Phoenix in a rented RV for a visit and **for the baptism of Kaylee**. The baptism was a great family event, celebrated at Guardian Lutheran Church on June 12. Jim performed the baptism.



When the gathering was over, **Jim returned to Chile** in mid-June to continue the ministry while **Liisa traveled to New Hampshire** to spend some time with her parents, family, and friends. Liisa's father, **Edwin**, is suffering from cancer which is causing him a lot of pain, so they welcomed the help. Liisa's childhood friend, Katy, was recently diagnosed with an aggressive cancer, so they have been sharing some special times together.

Next week, Jim and Liisa will both be traveling to Florida for **the annual GLO board meeting** (and some grandparent time!). After the meeting, they are scheduled to attend the annual **Hispanic Ministry Conference in Orlando** where they will continue to promote the work of Global Lutheran Outreach. At the conclusion of the conference, they will return to Santiago in time to lead worship again on August 7<sup>th</sup>.

## PRAYERS AND PRAISE



\* **Pray for traveling mercies.** Travel in these post-covid times is a lot different than it used to be. Flight delays of 3, 4 and even 7 hours are common, as are flight cancellations. It's not fun any more.

\* Continue to **pray that God would lead us to the next pastor** for "Divine Providence" Lutheran Church in Santiago. We have extended three pastoral calls, all of which were declined. We are preparing to extend our fourth call.

\* Continue to pray **that God would provide us with a permanent "home"** for the Santiago congregation. Options continue to appear, but so far nothing has panned out.

\* Pray for our loved ones experiencing a "winter" in their lives: Liisa's father **Edwin**, suffering from cancer; Liisa's friend **Katy**, also with cancer; and Jim's mother **Norma**.

\* **Pray for Jim – for wisdom and time management.** After a nearly 2-year covid-induced hiatus from travel, the work of GLO in many countries is quickly ramping back up and is putting more demands on his time.

\* **Praise God for the musicians** in Santiago that Liisa continues to train "remotely" - **Betsi, Oscar, Elianeth, and Domenico**. We are very proud of them! Pray that they would remain firm in their commitment to leading worship.

\* **Praise God** that Liisa has been able to be with her parents and Jim's parents for some extended visits and to lend a helping hand.

\* **Praise God that the Santiago congregation has remained faithful** in worship and in service during Jim's many absences. Pray for those who have assumed a more prominent leadership role: **José, Moisés, Elianeth, and Corali**.

\* **Praise the Lord that new member classes** have continued during this time. Pray for those who are finishing their confirmation instruction: **Oscar, Orianna, Leo, Carola, Zenaida, Ivan, and Ezekiel**.

\* **Praise God for our faithful supporting mission partners!** Your prayers and offerings sustain our ministry.

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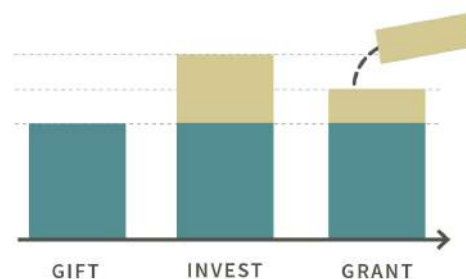
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