



To the Ends of the Earth

Mission News from Jim and Liisa Tino

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Our Mailing Address

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Dear James,

Lord, teach us to pray

Now that we are at least partially settled back into our home in Florida, when we are in town we like to attend Miramar Lutheran Church. We don't often get to worship there, though, because Jim is booked pretty much every Sunday that he is available to do "pulpit supply" at an area congregation. So, thank the Lord for Lent! Miramar Lutheran has Wednesday evening Lenten services, which is our opportunity to worship at our "home church"

In those services, Pastor Jeff has been leading us through the Lord's Prayer. Every week, he reminds us of the context - the disciples asked Jesus, "Lord, teach us to pray".

Had they never prayed before? Certainly they had! They knew how to pray, but they wanted to pray *better*. So Jesus taught them, and what He taught them was this - God is our Father whose name is exalted, whose will is accomplished, and who cares for us!

Prayer is the key. I spend so much time "doing stuff", worrying about stuff, trying to get stuff done. Stuff that God can handle in a heartbeat. God doesn't want me busy, He wants me praying.

Lord, teach me to pray!

A Homecoming (sort of)

"Is it a nice office? Because that is the Global Lutheran Outreach international office." Those words from GLO board

member Wondimu Game (Ethiopia) struck me at our last board meeting. I had just informed the board that finally, I have an office set up. Miramar Lutheran graciously offered me a space, so I finally have all my books and files unpacked and available. Interestingly, many years ago I occupied this exact same office, back when I was trying to plant a new church in the area and we didn't have our own property or buildings. So moving in was sort of like a homecoming to me - a familiar space, close to our home, and I am very grateful to Miramar Lutheran for the office.

And yes, Wondimu, it is a nice office! If anyone is in the area, plan to stop by for a visit!



Apostolic Visits

Liisa and I are happy that we were able to return to Chile in February. I like to think of these visits as "apostolic visits", in the tradition of the apostle Paul who planted churches and then came back 'round to visit them every now and again. I am no "apostle Paul", but the idea of the church planter who returns to visit and encourage is, I think, biblical but under-utilized. We had a very busy two weeks in Santiago - meeting with pastor/missionary Adrian Ventura and his family, visiting members and friends, and doing our annual medical check-ups as well! Jim also spent a lot of time working with the staff of our GLO branch office, "GLO Chile", as we seek ways to better partner with the local congregations in Chile.

It was a blessed time, and God is active in Santiago! Pray that the Lord would make a way for the growing congregation to obtain their own property.



ABOVE: Jim with the Ventura family: Rev Adrian, Cruz María, Anny, and Raquel (with baby Lucia).

BELOW: Full house in Santiago on Sunday morning!



Equipped to Praise!

"Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs..." Since our departure from Chile, it



has been a challenge for the church members to continue leading the music during worship. Several musicians have commented that they feel inadequate to fill the role of worship leader. But God places His gifts in His people He has called in His church. He promises to bless our humble offering of praise to His glory. During our visit to Chile, we encouraged the developing musicians to use their gifts in small praise groups. Liisa led a **music workshop** to review the liturgical music and Lenten and Easter hymns. About 8 individuals demonstrated a renewed fervor for worship and felt more equipped to carry out the words

above from **Ephesians 5:19** "...singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart."

Family News!



Grandchild #8 officially entered this world on February 16! We had just landed in Miami from our trip to Chile when we got the news. Liisa travelled to Atlanta to offer support to Gabriela & Daniel Sipp. Nearby sister – Tia (aunt) Soni – took care of their three other children until "Lita" arrived the day after Caiden was born. These days have been full of activity and adjustments, as well as opportunities to spend time with the 7 grandkids that live in the Marietta, Georgia area. We praise God that Baby Caiden is a strong and healthy and that Gabi is doing very well (although a bit tired!)



PRAYERS AND PRAISE

* We praise our faithful God for the **opportunity to travel to Chile** and visit brothers & sisters of our former mission, *Divina Providencia* (Divine Providence). **May the Holy Spirit continue to equip and encourage the members** to use their gifts in service to Him and to reach out to their friends & family with the saving Gospel.

* Divine Healer, we pray on behalf of **Jose**

* **Lord of the Harvest**, there are so many **opportunities to serve your Kingdom as a teacher overseas**. Prepare the hearts of specific individuals to say "send me" when they hear You calling. Direct these people to Global Lutheran Outreach mission positions.

*Thank you, Heavenly Father, for Liisa's mom, **Shirley** and her recuperation from knee replacement in 2023. **Be with her as she**

Vilches, president of Divina Providencia Lutheran church as he undergoes additional surgery for his hip. Guide the medical staff so that the correct procedures are done and give Jose the strength to follow through with therapy and heal completely. **Thank you for the testimony he and his wife give to your faithfulness.**

* **Thank you, Lord of Life, for the new babies** who recently entered this world! Bless **Caiden** (son of Gabi and Daniel), **Ezra** (son of Liisa's brother Luke and Violeta) and the unborn baby that is growing in the womb of Monique, Liisa & Jim's niece.

* Merciful God, **we pray for all those affected by the wildfires in Chile** during the month of February. Thank you for the efforts of many Lutherans to supply food and shelter to those who have lost everything. In their desperation, may Jesus' love and mercy cause them to draw close to You.

* **Lord, we pray for protection and provision of the missionaries who are currently on furlough:** Ben, Scarlett & Jaakko (USA/Guatemala to Guatemala); Victor, Belen & Sofia (Guatemala to Guyana); Nathan, Heather & Jay (USA) preparing to serve in Kenya. Move the hearts of your people to faithfully support these mission efforts through prayer and offerings.

prepares for a second operation on the other knee. According to Your will, return her to a pain-free, active life.

* We give you **thanks, Christ, our Redeemer and King, for the dedication of Pastor Adrian Ventura** as the shepherd of Divina Providencia Lutheran church. **Bless him and his family as they serve as GLO missionaries** and guide the congregation in Christ-like love.

* **We praise you, Great Physician, for the recent shipment of medicine from Chile to Venezuela.** Thank you for the tireless effort of **Elianeth Pineda, Corali Garcia and many other volunteers** (like those in the photo below) who help make this program a success. Bless the recipients of this act of mercy with spiritual health as they come to their local Lutheran church in Venezuela to hear the Good News of Jesus.



SUPPORT CORNER

"Do you still need support?"

We get asked that question once in a while. People wonder, "Now that you are full-time director of Global Lutheran Outreach, don't you get a salary?"

It's a fair question. At this time, however, GLO as an organization is not large or mature enough to pay a full salary. GLO can pay a partial salary, and **our plan is to supplement that through the offerings of our faithful mission partners.** We want to avoid shifting the burden of our support to our other missionaries.

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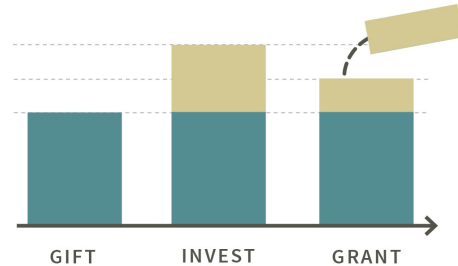
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