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MISSIONARIES TO THE PEOPLE OF

CHILE



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“Unto the end of the earth,” at the beginning of the year...

...And at the beginning of the letter! Thank you for having prayed for (as well as financed, through many additional contributions received towards last year's end) our trip to our future deep-south “base camp”, *Punta Arenas*, this past month; the results will here be recounted in the *reverse* of the order in which they were presented for prayer in last month's letter (for the sake of clarity and succinctness, rather than importance). So, *thirdly*, we were able to make some more contacts and learn a good bit more of the details regarding installing our “personal infrastructure” there (i.e.: just living there; it is quite different from the rest of Chile in various points). *Secondly*, we were able to spend some intense and constructive time with the Hansen family in assisting them to do the same, but as *new* missionaries on the field (this one, or any other). In addition to having found a place to “hang their hats and put out the ‘Welcome’ mat” [which, actually, they don't do there, as the *high winds* would just blow them away] - i.e.: a rented house - and determined where best to “hunt and gather” supplies (the supermarket) and the best “trails” to use for that and other purposes (public transportation), their immediate activities of focusing on the language (Brenda helped them find a professional tutor, in addition to the self-study they'll be doing every day from now on) and just establishing relationships with the people who will form part of their daily “routine” will also be providing present opportunities to witness and be a testimony for CHRIST to those for whom the LORD would use them as vessels of His Gospel and Bible truth (this last includes their tutor **Angel** and neighbor **Juan**, and our new brother Atilio, but he's under “*firstly*,” below). Please pray about their visa situation, which, in spite of everyone's sincerest efforts to have settled *prior* to their arrival, hit a “snag,” and now will have to be completed here in Chile (suffice to say that this has significantly complicated matters, but the LORD will work it all out; just *pray*). Finally, and *firstly*, Bro. Derek and I were able to go to Bro. Atilio's house to meet with him and his family (his mother and brother) for a couple of hours, and then again the day before I left. It is a joy to report that, in person, **Bro. Atilio** proved to be just as sincere and desirous of the way of the LORD as he had been during our electronic and telephone correspondence over the past 6 months, and **will be meeting with Bro. Derek twice weekly** to study the Bible and to help Derek with Spanish (formal, Chilean, and Biblical; and, believe you me, they are all quite different!), all with a view toward being a full participant and help in whatever future spiritual work the LORD will be doing there through the Hansens and us. Regarding his mother and his brother, let's just say that they did *not* evidence the same “enthusiasm and eagerness” as Atilio, **Laura** treating us like a couple of visiting Mormons (absolutely standard here for all, towards anyone who engages in “Visitation”), not participating in the discussion (although she did listen in from the kitchen when we first went), and **Carlos** just simply disappearing after the initial greeting; as far as we're concerned, they're not saved, nor is **his Dad** (also named **Atilio**), nor his 2 other brothers, **Cristian** and **Alexis** (we've not met those 3, as they live elsewhere), so *pray*. [Okay, now on to the rest of the story...]

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HOLY GHOST IS COME UPON YOU: AND YE SHALL BE
WITNESSES UNTO ME BOTH IN JERUSALEM, AND IN
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“Meanwhile, back at the ranch...”

...That being our present portion of this field of spiritual labor, in the 14th and 10th Regions of southern Chile. [Yes, the whole “out-of-phase” numbering thing “throws” me too, and has done so ever since the administrative redivision; the “good news” is that Punta Arenas and the Magallanes Region are just solidly the *12th Region*, with the only “confusion” being the occasionally debated border with Argentina (which at least is a *foreign country*) up in the Andean ice fields at the northern reach of the area (*north* of where we will be!). Now, where was I? Oh, yes: *here...*] The LORD graciously “held the door open” for us yet again this month, in allowing us to attend to our “regular rounds” of public and house-to-house ministry in the towns of *Rio Bueno* and *La Union*; we “bombarded” especially large portions of both this time (about double the usual), and were “rewarded” with at least *some* responses. Please pray for the salvation of **Ivan** of Rio Bueno (resolutely lost thanks to Evangelical Religionism) and **Doris** of La Union (essentially the same condition as Ivan, but apparently offended by being told that “religion” is both useless and powerless in the face of her soul’s condition before GOD). In *Osorno*, our most recent neighborhood-evangelism visit evoked similar “feedback” in at least a couple of folks there, but none so “engaged” as those just named - e.g.: the old man whose only concern regarding me trying to give him a gospel tract was that I was *not* a Jehovah’s Witness (the *other* automatic religious appellation here for Acts-20:20-labor [see “Mormons” on page 1], obligatorily applied in the instance of anyone who passes out free “religious literature”), although he went away just as lost as Judge Rutherford himself. The **in-home Bible study with the Alvarado family** continues at a steady pace, having finished a condensed and accelerated version of the 20-lesson Basic Discipleship Study, and Bro. Vince now leading through a series of more finely-focused doctrinal studies (which have the additional benefit of eliciting many more questions and dialogue, of both the “on-topic” and “rabbit-trail” sorts). Here in Valdivia, we request prayer for **David and his wife**, as well as **Montanna**; they have made contact through various means and have confirmed that they will be joining us for Sunday services this coming weekend (if anything comes of either, I will communicate further details of the individual scenarios in next month’s letter).

Upcoming, for your prayer attention:

The “Big Event” next month: **Bible Institute Graduation** and “other events,” including **an ordination service, the churches’ annual water baptisms, and public ministry in various locations** (including possibly one to which we have not yet been). We are expecting the visit/presence of missionary Marco Perez and national pastor Fabio Carballo, both from Colombia, who have graciously accepted the invitation to attend and assist, and will be handling most of the “pulpit duties” during the week’s planned activities (February 23-28; mark it down, and pray for us during that time, please, and for the to-and-from travel of the visiting ministers). At this point, your prayers have seen this 3+-year full-time effort almost all the way though to its finish, with what should be less than three weeks of classes and tests left to go, so please pray us through to the end! With this, we expect that the LORD will have graciously allowed us to “complete operations” here, making **“full proof,” “all things...done decently and in order.”** Rather than further address that now, and as the LORD permits, provides, and protects, a more complete summary of this “second term,” and future projections (both immediate and more long-term), will be undertaken in the next couple of monthly reports - LORD willing, we’ll just tell you all about it in Glory, amen? Even so, come, LORD JESUS! Thanks for reading and praying.

In Christ,

Philip & Brenda Robinson