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MISSIONARIES TO THE PEOPLE OF

CHILE



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A shorter report this month...

...balancing out last month's letter and activities, and continuing in the same general format. As indicated last time, and for the reasons then explained, our evangelistic and church-planting focus has been dedicated primarily to the people of the city of *Osorno*, where we continue to do in-home Bible study with the Alvarado family, as well as our customary "**publicly, and house to house**" ministry. While out door-knocking, we had "compelling conversations" (but no "conspicuous conversions," as far as was evident) with the following souls, for whom we ask you to pray by name: **Magaly** (an elderly lady, quite spiritually lost and damaged by Catholic and Evangelical religion), **Renato** (a young man of about 15, atheistic evolutionist by education and persuasion, but now challenged to think about Biblical realities that his educational formation won't address), **Alonso** (a simple and sincere man of the country-type, probably misled by religion too), **Teodoro, Sergio, and Rodi** (all "evangelicals" professing salvation, "being in church," etc.). While street-preaching downtown, it was notable how many people stopped, stayed, and *listened* to the entire message this last time (increasingly unusual here of late; one man even tried to give me an "offering" in the middle of the sermon); God knows who they are, and can drive home the truth (or the *thorn*) of the seed of the word planted in their hearts. **Please continue to pray for evangelism, discipleship, and a future Bible-believing local church in Osorno.**

As regards the churches...

...Especially that of *Valdivia* (the Paillaco group seems to be "plodding along" normally): the brethren are now meeting temporarily in an event-hall space in Valdivia's seaside town of *Niebla* (about 20 minutes outside the city), freely and voluntarily offered by Sis. Katherine and her family (the "new" folks mentioned last month). Please continue in prayer for **Eder and his wife Barbara, both of whom got saved last month**, and are now firmly ensconced in the local church as well as regular in-home Bible study with Bro. Raul. **The long-term, strategic situation of the church continues as it was last month**, and we are as yet unable to comment further with much certainty; **please just continue to pray for them in this**. More on the "sure" side, the 2 churches organized and celebrated a special "appreciation and farewell" fellowship meeting for us, during which there were many expressions of gratitude by way of personal testimonies and gifts (the Bible-related, custom-made wooden sword and shield being of very distinctive note), acknowledging what the LORD has done here through us with them during the past 15 years (now that we'll ostensibly be "moving on"). I also had the privilege/blessing of performing the **marriage ceremony for Bro. Gerardo** [one of our recent Institute graduates] **and Sis. Macarena**, now embarking upon the formation of a "Christian home" as part of the Paillaco church; **please pray for them specifically, as well as that local church, to "stay the course."** And, of course, we are...

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...Looking forward...to the DEEP south

Our preparations for moving to *Punta Arenas* carry onwards, such as they can during this interim hiatus [yet again, as was all explained last month]; we're about halfway through "liquidating" everything that we *can* do without until we're able to leave, and have almost completely packed everything that we *cannot* do without [supposedly; it's Laodicean thing, and we're sure most of you will understand] after we leave, which will end up being shipped to our new "digs" (whenever we get those). In the interests of informing our constituency more completely about our future base of operations, what we are about to undertake is much like moving to separate country unto itself; as is typical of all frontier- or extreme-type areas, the mentality of the people is distinct and independent from that of most of the rest of the "normal" world (in this case, it would be the *Magallanico* mentality, and what I have experienced of it tells me that they are unique amongst Chileans, yes). Comparing the change to an American from the continental U.S. moving to Alaska to start a missions work would not be entirely exaggerated or unrealistic (we've been here long enough to almost consider ourselves "Chilean"), with the exception of 2 comment-worthy aspects [this rabbit trail is about to get even longer, so feel free to skip to the last 2 or 3 sentences below, which have to do with the spiritual matters going on *now*]: 1) the *climate* is not as extreme (we will still be 1,000 miles north of the official Antarctic Circle [just give me some time!]), and 2) there are no "Eskimos", due to the fact that the European immigrants of the 1800's (English, Slavic, German) wiped out to the native population a long time ago by way of disease and genocide. The natives were the *Selknam* [a.k.a. the *Ona* people], who were loosely analogous to "southern eskimos," in their own way, *sans* igloos, and much more primitive - they preferred swimming (fishing/hunting) *naked* in the Antarctic waters, known to induce lethal hypothermia in less than 3 minutes in us more modern, advanced folks; makes a very interesting read, if you ever have an opportunity to look them up - and then there are the *penguins*, yes...]. Okay, so, returning to March of 2019, **Bro. Hansen and his family continue to settle in well there**, with the additional challenge of **learning the language**, in addition to everything else. Notwithstanding, they still have many opportunities to communicate with people about the LORD JESUS CHRIST and salvation in Him. Bro. Derek continues to meet with **Bro. Atilio for Bible study**, and a friend of Atilio's named **Victor** finally showed up at one of the studies; **Derek is supposed to be meeting with Victor and his wife directly, so please be in prayer for them about everything mentioned here, and a future Bible-believing local church in Punta Arenas.** Thank you for continuing to do your part in keeping us standing, and moving forward, for *His* glory and *their* souls.

In Christ,

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