

# THE ROBINSONS

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# CHILE



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## *Plowing, sowing, watering*

The agricultural metaphors remain quite true to form and reality as regards the labor of getting the pure truth of the word of God out to a spiritually blind world of lost souls, especially in these “**perilous times**” of “**the last days**,” and for us, in this “new field,” as yet unplowed by Scriptural truth (as opposed to religious poisoning). We have been steadily plowing and sowing the seed in personal one-to-one contact (tracts coupled with personal testimony, etc.) as well as in more large-scale public ministry settings (mass tracting, street-preaching, and personal work with those willing to take the time), and watering with the very few with whom we have repeated contact (i.e.: in day-to-day affairs), and remain in patient waiting for the “**precious fruit**” (James 5:7) that only the word of God and the work of the Holy Spirit can produce (I Corinthians 3:6). The external profession (and accompanying spirit) of so-called atheism and agnosticism is very prominent here, at least in response to a clear personal statement of the exclusivity of CHRIST and the Bible, as well as the personal need of each human soul to respond receptively to them. The most recent statistics indicate that Chileans are 25% atheist/agnostic/irreligious, nationally; my personal estimate here in this area would be around 40-50%, based on interpersonal dialogues thus far (however well the conversation might seem to have been going initially, upon turning to matters of CHRIST and the Bible, one can almost “see” the “lights go off” and the defensive walls/blinders rise in the mind and heart of the other participant). In spite of that, there have actually been several individuals whom have demonstrated apparent sincerity in at least being willing to pursue the subject. Among these may be mentioned **Hugo**, a very confused religionist (catholic, evangelical, whatever; they’re essentially all the same here) who at once agrees that salvation is solely by grace through faith in CHRIST alone but in the next breath proceeds to explain that his good works are how he expects to earn God’s favor. Also of note was **Ali**, a Turkish muslim, who wanted to talk international politics at first, but was then willing to engage in a superficial “comparison” of CHRIST and the Bible with Muhammed and the Koran [as if there *were* any “comparison” possible; well, “**all things to all men**,” I suppose!]. To his credit, Ali recognized immediately and stated quite clearly that the only real “issue” was that I believe the Bible and he does not, and then surprised me by accepting the Johannine Challenge (verbally, at least); I am currently awaiting his call to bring him the promised Bible so that he may “**know of the doctrine, whether it be of God**” (John 7:17), or “Allah.” There have been some few that have given cause to the expectation of regular “watering” in some kind of programmed Bible study, but the actual step of *acting on* such a commitment is yet lacking. We ask that you continue to pray for the LORD to be going ahead of us doing His preparatory work in the hearts of those whom we will encounter “in the way” (and to get them *in our way*, for sure) and to be the “**rereward**” in His reproving work, following after the delivery of the “**precious seed**” to each heart.

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## *The brethren in Valdivia, Paillaco, and Osorno*

As the “dust” continues to settle from what was a very unpleasant situation in the churches in Valdivia and Paillaco, the Holy Spirit advises (via both Scripture and good brotherly counsel) prudence and discretion in broadcasting specific details, which would serve to further the malfeasant ends of certain **“unruly and vain talkers”** that have been going about sowing discord, subverting souls and seeking to **“overthrow the faith of some.”** In this, those whom have remained standing firmly recognize that **“we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers,”** etc., and that the **“roaring lion”** which **“walketh about, seeking whom he may devour”** is not to be taken lightly as an **“adversary.”** Simultaneously, these faithful brethren have learned much about the *practical* value of Biblical concepts such as charity, compassion, forgiveness, and the unity of the Spirit (with emphasis on each of those as according to the *Scriptures*, not human psycho-social definitions), and so, with them at least, the LORD “wins,” again [**“I speak as a fool,”** and only as regards the short-term, of course (I’ve read Revelation 21-22 as well, glory to God!)]. In sum, a **“remnant”** are going forward in that to which they know the LORD has called them, with HIM, and they would greatly appreciate your prayer support. We trust implicitly in the spiritual maturity and vision of you, our faithful prayer intercessors who have upheld us and this ministry for years, to be capable of continuing to pray **“with the spirit”** and **“with the understanding also”** (I Corinthians 14:15) for them and the situation as a whole, without requiring the posting of a detailed itemization of each article of “dirty laundry.” [Most of which, I am here permitted to comment, wasn’t “dirty” in the first place, and/or was taken out of other “hampers”; ‘nuff said...] Additionally, Bro. David and family (our daughter Rosalyn and grandkids Helen and Martin) have been visiting the brethren in Osorno every few weeks to minister the word to them and enjoy the fellowship of the saints, and although they continue to be few in number, we thank the LORD that the **“smoking flax”** there has not been “quenched.”

### *We had some visits*

Speaking of David, Rosalyn, Helen and Martin, “Grandpa” and “Grandma” were very personally blessed to have received the whole family here in Punta Arenas during the last week of this month. [Hey, grandkids, right? What more can be said? Yes, it was nice to see David and Rosalyn, too, and we remain very grateful to them for having given us the grandkids, of course, of course!] Bro. David joined us in our public ministry outing yesterday, and it was probably the best public sermon delivered in the central plaza of this city, well, *ever*. There were quite a few of teenagers and young people there (at least 20 or 30), doing their adolescent “hanging-out” thing, just about all of whom willingly received the tracts, and it was clear that several of them were really listening to the message, not just mocking and “blowing us off,” as is usually the case in such encounters; please pray for the eternal effect in them that we did not see visibly at the time. Earlier in the month, we also had a visit from Sister Sarah Cagle, in country briefly to tie up the loose ends of her Permanent Residence Visa process, as reported last month; after that had been attended to in Valdivia (where she also spent time with the brethren of the 2 churches), she came here for a week. A heartfelt Thank-You to her dad’s (Bro. David Cagle) King James Bible Society sending us a suitcase full of Spanish Bibles and various titles of Chick and other tracts. Sister Cagle expects to be returning more permanently sometime early next year, so please remain in prayer for her and her family as they go forward in the LORD. **“Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you.”**

In Christ,

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