

The Saints

SHARING THE LOVE OF GOD IN CHILE

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Dear Prayer Partners,

God has been good. Ministry here in Chile has been busy but also fruitful, to the point where one letter seems insufficient to adequately share all that God has been doing and to express our gratitude to you for your faithfulness to our family and our ministry.

Truth Bible Baptist Church (in San Pedro) celebrated our **third anniversary** in March. Our auditorium was literally standing room only! We were even more encouraged to see many different people involved in the service and thankful for the opportunity to reflect on the challenges and blessings of the past eight years that we've been able to serve God in this beautiful city. Since then, we frequently came close to filling up our available seats, so we recently rearranged the auditorium to add ten more seats. We went from 60 to 70 chairs. As we continue to grow, there is room to squeeze in another ten seats or so, and then we'll have to consider building an addition so that we can reach 100 or more seats.

But those numbers really aren't the biggest blessing. The biggest blessings are the little numbers, the souls saved and those who are growing in their walk with the Lord. **Patricia** recently accepted the Lord as her Savior. I first met her about six months ago. She was walking by the church and asked us to pray for her brother, Francisco. He was in the hospital and the doctors gave him very little hope of living. I told her we would pray and that our God is able to do anything. Within a week, his condition had improved, but they said he would need to use a wheelchair for the rest of his life. About a month or two later, they both came to church, and they have both been pretty regular attenders ever since. Roughly two months ago, he came to church without the wheelchair! Patricia spoke to me one day after the church service, recounted those facts, and said, "How can I not give my life to God when He has been so good to me?" I nodded and quoted Romans 2:4, "... the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance."

As you may recall, we baptized several people in December and then a few more in February. I assumed we wouldn't have any more baptisms until after our winter season, but **Fernanda** told me she needed to be baptized. Jonathan and Fernanda are the key family in Talcahuano. I disciplined them a year or two ago. When we studied baptism, she acknowledged that she needed to get baptized, but she wasn't ready to. Sadly, that's where their growth stopped. But God didn't stop working in her life



Ministry Goals:

- Evangelize the lost
- Equip the believers
- Establish NT churches

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and we rejoice to see her take this step of obedience. She and Jonathan joined as members of the church in San Pedro and we continue to pray that God would use them to help us reach Talcahuano with the gospel.

Speaking of new members, God has blessed us with several new members lately. One particular family, **Alvaro** and **Alejandra**, has been a tremendous blessing. They, and their two college aged daughters, haven't waited for anyone to ask them to serve. Instead, they dove right in and have helped us with cleaning, teaching, graphic design, evangelism, and our audio/visual needs. God has answered our prayers for more fellow laborers! We now have 30 adult members. About half of those members are committed, come to every service they can, and serve when given the opportunity. We had nine out for visitation last Saturday! We are excited to see how God will continue to grow His church in the months and years to come.

The ministry in **Cañete** still hasn't seen that type of growth yet. We believe we need to spend more time in the community if we want to see real results, but we don't see how that is feasible for us at this time, as it's an hour and a half away from where we live and we already have a full schedule. The church building is almost finished. I don't mean completely finished, as nothing has been painted, only the bathroom has flooring, and only half of the drywall is up, but it is definitely at a point where we can comfortably use the building. We still need about **\$4,000** to pay for what we spent to get it this far, and we'll trust that our local offerings will slowly allow us to finish the building properly from there. We continue to hold weekly services and, now that the construction phase is done, hope to spend some more time knocking on doors and inviting people to learn about Jesus, but there is clearly a lot of work yet to be done. We also continue to air a weekly program on a local **radio station**.

The family is doing well. The kids have all been healthy lately and they continue to learn and grow through homeschool. **Christine** has had a few concerning issues that could be related to simply being worn out by all that she does to take care of our family. They could also be hormonal, so she plans to see a doctor and try to get some answers. We would appreciate your prayers for her and us. When I (Nathan) don't have extra ministry responsibilities, I am able to help out some, but lately I have been unable to help as much as I'd like. We hope those extra responsibilities are soon to be in the rear-view mirror; but, as I heard someone say, ministry is telling yourself that next week will be easier than this week, and telling yourself that every single week.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support. We really couldn't do what we do without you. If not for those who hold the rope for us, we would have never seen God do all that He has done.

Thank you,

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