

# The Saints

SHARING THE LOVE OF GOD IN CHILE

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Dear Prayer Partners,

We've asked you to keep praying for God's blessings and provision. Many of you have and God has continued to bless. We honestly wouldn't be here without God's hand working on our behalf and your faithfulness in praying for and supporting our family and our ministry. Let me give you some highlights of the past few months.

First, and most importantly, souls are continuing to get saved! **Emilio** is Juan Carlos' brother. We've been praying for his salvation for the past two and a half years. There's a tremendous story behind what God did to open his heart to the gospel, and maybe we'll get to tell you about it on furlough. But, to cut to the chase, he got saved recently! We have already seen the change in his life as he comes to church and strives to live honestly and love his family. Please pray for his growth. **Katherine** is a lady who started coming to church several months ago, along with her husband. They expressed a desire to become members, so I sat down with them and discussed their salvation testimonies. They both assured me they were saved and expressed an understanding of the gospel. But, as we began discipleship studies with them, Katherine learned that she had trusted in Jesus to reward her good works with eternal life instead of trusting in Jesus to give her eternal life by grace alone. She got saved and then asked to get baptized right away! Never mind that we just started our winter season and the lake water felt like it should have had ice floating in it. We continue to have many visitors at the San Pedro church and there is always work to be done, always more souls to reach for the Lord.

Second, we've seen some church members step up and serve within the church. We're blessed to have several ladies qualified, willing, and available to teach our children's classes. I



#### Ministry Goals:

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

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also have several men capable of preaching or teaching. In addition to Juan Carlos preaching one of the Sunday services every week, Felix and Álvaro each teach one Wednesday service each month. This has lightened my load a good bit and should allow them opportunities to grow the gifts that God has given them. Several different families are getting involved in church-wide visitation as well.

Last, thank you to everyone who has given for the church building in Cañete. We have been able to pay off the loan, and even had enough money left over to purchase flooring for the large area we use to meet in. On top of that, we just got approval from the city for the building!

Please continue to pray. Specifically, I'd like to mention:

- 1) More souls to be saved! We're praying for Juan Carlos' daughter, Carla, as well as for Alejandro Lopez, Enrique, and Luciano, lost husbands of church ladies.
- 2) More growth! Close to half of our church members are active and involved, but we continue to pray for the other half to step up and get involved. And pray for the involved members to get more involved. Some keep talking about leading visitors in discipleship studies, but so far it hasn't happened.
- 3) Fruit in Cañete. Many times, the only ones at the services are Celso and his family plus our family. It reminds us a lot of the slow start we had in San Pedro. But, as we look towards furlough, I'm excited about the San Pedro church continuing to grow in our absence, and concerned for the greater struggle that the Cañete church will have to stay faithful.
- 4) Christine's health. Since our last letter, her symptoms have gotten worse, to the point where I made sure I was home every day so she could get a nap. That helped. Now we have a young lady from the States who is a college student helping us until the end of July, and she has been a blessing. This has also helped reduce Christine's symptoms. But she is seeing a neurologist and has had several MRIs done as well as bloodwork and other tests, as we try to get to the bottom of what is going on. We pray we can get answers and maybe even a solution before we start furlough.
- 5) Our family. Some days, our children seem to be growing faster than they should, and we thank God for their health. Christine does a great job teaching them and they are soaking up everything they can. But, let's be honest, missionary life has its challenges too. As we look forward to furlough, they get excited about the upcoming adventure, but they overlook the upcoming heartache as they say goodbye to their friends, pets, and everything that they have called home for the past several years. Pray for us as we help them navigate these emotional challenges, and pray that we would be able to shepherd them to the arms of Jesus, to help them see the eternal purpose that God has for all He does.

Thank you, again, for all you do for us. God only knows the effect your prayers and support have had on our lives and ministry and, by extension, on many other lives.

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PS: We have already scheduled with about half of our supporting churches, specifically the ones that are further away from us. For those churches in Alabama, Georgia, and Tennessee, we're trying to leave August, September, and October open for those meetings that are closer to home (February through June are mostly full, and July will be spent in Michigan and Ohio). If any of those dates work better for you than others, please don't wait to reach out so we can put you on the calendar.