

The Saints

SHARING THE LOVE OF GOD IN CHILE

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Dear Prayer Partners,

This letter is arriving a month later than usual, because life has been very irregular the past few months. Allow me to fill you in. In October, the whole family made it to the States to participate in four missions conferences and a few other meetings. Each conference and meeting was an encouragement to us and we were overwhelmed by the kindness of God's people. We truly couldn't do what we do without you all doing what you do. Teamwork makes the dream work, as someone said. Or, as Paul said, "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase" (1 Corinthians 3:6).

In November, I (Nathan) flew back to Chile by myself to handle final things with our house and the ministry. Christmas and New Year's are great ministry opportunities and I didn't want to miss them. Christine and the children stayed in the States and split their time with both sets of grandparents. They enjoyed Thanksgiving in the US for the first time in five years and Christmas in the US for the first time ever (for the kids). While the separation was harder than we imagined, it was necessary to accomplish what we each had to accomplish. The teenage son of one of our newest church families ended up moving in with me for most of my time back in Chile. To make a long story short, he had fallen in with the wrong crowd and needed a change of scenery. Since I didn't have my own family to worry about, I was able to provide that change of scenery and now he seems to be on the right track. I was also able to baptize four souls in December, including Emilio (Juan Carlos' brother) and Miguel (Evelyn's husband). The church organized a Christmas play by themselves; and, during my last Sunday there, they voted in Juan Carlos as their pastor and approved a full-time salary for him! Technically, Juan Carlos and I are co-pastors now, so that I can continue to guide the church when we return to Chile at the end of the year.



Ministry Goals:

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

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Speaking of returning to Chile, we have almost completed our furlough schedule. We should have our last meeting in October, so we are already making plans to return to Chile. I plan to return in the middle of November along with Sam and Nate. Christine and the other children will return in early December. My parents will come with them to assist with the younger children and luggage. The purpose of the split return is so that they can rest a little more and enjoy one last Thanksgiving in the States while I will return sooner to get busy with the work that needs to be done. We hope to hold a summer camp on our property in February 2027, and there is much land work and construction that will need to happen rather quickly if we are going to be able to make that happen.

The work in Cañete continues to move forward, although slowly. Pastor Juan Carlos and the San Pedro church will continue to assist them as they are able, but Celso will do the bulk of the preaching in my absence. We hope to move their services to Sunday morning when we return to Chile. While the schedule change might make it easier for people to come, we ultimately need to be present in the community, knock on doors, and simply be a more constant witness for Jesus if we are going to see the church grow.

Please continue to pray for the ministries back in Chile that souls would continue to get saved and Christians would continue to grow. And pray for our family as we travel on furlough. Pray for the van and camper to work as they should, for the children to learn all they should in homeschool, and for our health and safety as we travel.

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