

THE ROGERS REACHING CHILE

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Prayer Requests

1. Please pray for the spiritual growth of these new believers: Maria Isabel, Kevin, Gloria. Plus 12 children who trusted in Christ during our VBS in February.
2. For God to call more full time workers to ministry so we might reach Chile with the Gospel.
3. God's provision of the needed funds to complete the New Life building project this year.

This is the question many Chileans seek to answer. Whether the college student whose mind is being permeated with hopelessness through humanistic philosophies, or the homemaker who sees young teens sucked into the dangers and dead-end road of drugs or alcohol abuse, people yearn for hope.

One such person is Maria Isabel, a high school history teacher, whose life as a professional educator had little, if not any hope. She found the emotional flings and fleeting relationships to leave her spiritually empty and her heart numb. Running from any true sense of meaning, she finally decided to take up a friend's invitation to a prayer meeting at our Church. It was there that the fog in her mind began to lift. The first Sunday she attended New Life Baptist Church she found herself face to face with a huge question: "is there no hope beyond the grave?"

This question is what drove Maria Isabel to search for answers in the Scriptures, where she found that she is the recipient of God's special love and mercy, which He clearly proclaimed on the Cross of Calvary when Jesus Christ took her sins in his own body on the cross. He gave her the hope and peace

she was thirsting for! That Sunday she placed her life in the Savior's hands by repenting and trusting in Him.

Maria Isabel trusted Christ in September 2013 and in December we had the joy of baptizing her, along with 5 others. (see the photos on the back). As these new believers made public profession of their faith in Christ their hope in Him was easily visible! Thank God for these new babes in Christ that we have the joy of discipling!

Like her there are some 35,000 college students and university professors studying near our Church. How can we get the message of hope to all of them? The answer: one at a time! Next June we will be starting ESL classes on two or three of the university campuses. Please pray for God to open the doors necessary to be able to conduct a 6 week English as a Second Language practice group. Also in June, we will host a ministry team from the States that includes several ESL teachers. Pray that we will be ready to give out the Good News on these college campuses.

Another means by which we are spreading hope in the heart of the largest city in

Chile, Santiago, is through professional counseling. Pastor Yentzen has been unable to take all the requests from people outside the Church due to time limitations. There are five other people in the church who are trained to provide crisis counseling. Weekly Pastor Yentzen lovingly opens the Word of God to those asking for guidance and answers.

However, for this ministry to reach into the community two things must take place: first there needs to be more office space, and second, there must be more classroom space. This will enable Yentzen to guide other counselors through the process of working with those in need. However the area designated for offices is not in condition to use for offices because it is presently one large classroom. Once we finish the construction on the classrooms on the third floor, that space can be divided into the three more offices that are projected for personal counseling.

May we ask that you please consider a special Easter love offering to help us keep giving out the message of hope to the lost in Santiago? More people like Maria Isabel can be reached once the third floor is ready to use. Please help us share God's hope in a city of 6.2 million Chileans who desperately need hope!

Training Teachers and Creating Teaching Tools

An essential part of church planting is training leaders. Included in those leaders are teachers: teachers of ladies, Sunday School teachers, Bible Study leaders, pastors and trainers. Our heartbeat is to train according to Biblical principles those who train others for the educational ministries of the church, to all ages and in all levels. That is what drives the "Grow Christian Publishers." Upon returning in August of last year, our priority has been to reactivate all the facets of the publications ministry. This includes updating and writing teaching materials, training writers, developing new materials for adult ministries, and especially achieving a national distribution of the materials we produce. That takes time, however, and both Ruth Ann and Dave have worked diligently at this task.

Several specific goals for the Grow Christian Publishers are: 1) **conduct a national teacher's conference, on April 12.** 2) recruit a new administrative assistant to oversee the many details of the ministry, 3) train 2 new writers by Dec., 4) achieve national sales in Chile and distribution of the manuals and books we produce in Chile through sales in bookstores and to schools.

Please pray specifically for these needs: 1) for two new board members, 2) for a new administrative assistant *URGENT!!!, 3) for funds to design and print the new materials we have scheduled to produce, 4) that more churches and Christian educators will become familiar with our materials and take full advantage of them in their teaching ministries.

Photos of Ministry December to February

Christmas Program: Instrumental Quartet



Men's Outing at a cabin in the Andes, Dec. 2014

A small beginning of a Men's Ministry



Believers Baptized in Jan. 2014 receive Certificate



Of the 50 who attended, these are the smallest Children recognized in VBS in Feb.

