

THE ROGERS REACHING CHILE

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Stage One is Done!

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Cultural Insights

1. The 2012 census in Chile shows the population of Santiago to be 6.8 million. When we arrive in Chile in 1984, it was approx. 5 million.
2. Minimum wage in Chile was recently raised to \$440 per month.
3. The price of regular gasoline in Chile is approx. \$6.50 per gallon.
4. Santiago alone has seven professional soccer teams. In the country there are a total of 18 teams in 1st division.

Remember that we asked you to pray for the city of Santiago to grant the Certificate of Occupancy for New Life Baptist's building? **Praise the Lord, we received it!** The goal was reached on Sept. 4th. The important thing is, **THE CHURCH IS NOW MEETING IN THE NEW BUILDING! What a wonderful blessing, and a tremendous answer to prayer.**

It has been a long time in coming and the church had to overcome several hurdles. In August the City authorities told the Church that they must install a steel barricade for the sake of protecting people from danger due to the

adobe wall that lines the entrance on the left side of the church. Due to the fact that the structure next door is registered in the Registry of Historic Buildings, the owner is restricted in the repairs and changes permitted. Rather than require the owner of the almost 100 year old building to do something, the city put the pressure on our church to take the necessary steps.

When the men of the Church heard about it, they jumped right on the task. They set five steel pillars in concrete, welded steel cross bars onto the pillars, and then concluded by welding

steel wire mesh. The same day the men finished the welding, another group of people planted sod in the front lawn, and others cleaned the entire building to be ready for the first service, held on September 9th.

This marvelous milestone was reached because of faithful prayers, generous giving to the financial challenge, plus the sacrifice of the 74 volunteers who came to assist us in finishing of Stage One of the project. **We thank all of you for what that you have done for the cause of the Gospel in Chile!**

Ministry Milestones

Our mandate from the Lord Jesus Christ is to make disciples. A disciple, in order to be fruitful, faithful and exemplary, has to make certain of his/her priorities in life and must submit them to the Word of God. This past year, Ruth Ann and I have worked with a various "new" disciples. One story stands out in particular that we want to share with you.

It is about a young man named Felipe. Born and raised in a godly, Christian home, his dad died in an auto accident when he was only a child. Felipe came to our Church after going through a church split of the Church where he attended all his life.

With battle scars, misconceptions and personal weaknesses, Felipe and I began a study of the characteristics of

the godly man. For 16 months I met with him. Not an easy process, I have seen God shape and transform this young man into an active, faithful servant in the church.

The exciting thing is in these first 9 months of the year, Felipe has also begun to disciple other young men. The goal is reproduction, and it is happening in New Life Church.

Family Highlights

We have enclosed a copy of our new prayer card, and hope that it will serve to stimulate you in your prayer ministry for us. The photo shows only Ruth Ann, Dave and Andrea (our youngest, 10 yrs.) because as the other three have grown older and become independent, they have been led of the Lord to different stations in life. However, we cannot thank you enough for many years of praying for Brenda, Joel and Melissa, as well as all of us.

This past July our mission agency, ABWE, recognized the 30 years of ministry we have completed with them, and it was a great time of rejoicing over God's provision! The mission we serve with is an organization with a passion and a longing to serve the Savior and to carry out His command to make disciples, to evangelize and to plant churches that become missionary sending churches while forming a part of national missionary movements. The men and women who serve in

ABWE are people of godly character and humble obedience to God's Word. When matters of concern have surfaced, they have sought to resolve them according to Biblical principles, and for that we are grateful.

Recently some issues of concern have been circulating, but thankfully, these matters have been dealt with carefully and Biblically. While it has brought many of us to our knees in prayer, we can truly say that the choices and decisions made have been done in a way that honors the Lord. If you have any questions or concerns, we strongly encourage you to take the biblical steps of approaching those responsible for the leadership of ABWE and to seek answers to those questions. Rest assured you will receive answers to those questions.

We thank God for the 32 years we've been a part of ABWE, and look forward to many more years of serving together!

Ministry Needs

Now that we are in the United States, it will be our joy and privilege to share in all 11 of our supporting churches. We hope to also be able to visit with all our individual supporters too. Our schedule is planned out from now until the end of February 2013. As in the case of Paul and the early missionaries, it is important for us to report to our supporters. You are a key part in the work that we have been sent to carry out.

We ask that you please pray with us concerning these specific needs, as you have been doing for the now 32 years since we were appointed by ABWE to serve in Chile. Thanks for being a faithful member of our prayer team.

- ➔ Housing for our Chilean colleague and national Pastor, Yentzen Sanhueza and family of five. After more than six months of searching everywhere, there is nothing available for them within their price range or space needs.
- ➔ Yancing Rossel and wife ,Veronica, are key leaders of the University ministry, which has reached about 14 people. These youth need much prayer to put God in first place in their lives, and to be a witness on the college campuses where they study. Also serving with them: Felipe, Sebastian, Natalie, and Annia.
- ➔ For our family: Melissa is entering a new technical school in Maryland, possibly starting in Nov. 2012. Pray for God to lead and guide her. For Dave who is dealing with a problems with feet and hands. For Andrea who is in a Christian school here in New Jersey to be able to adapt and make good friends. And for the needed \$810 support that has to be raised before we can return to Chile. Due to aging of some personal supporters and a church that had to drop us, we are behind by 14% of the total requirements.
- ➔ For wisdom, team unity and insight for the Pastors and the leaders to know how to make the best use of the new building that God has given us. Weekly there are 13 ministries that must share three classrooms and a parking garage.
- ➔ New prayer partners! Please encourage others to pray with you for our ministry and family. The troops should not be divided as we carry out the marching orders of the Lord of the harvest!