

THE ROGERS REACHING CHILE

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Feedback from our Supporters

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Prayer Needs:

- That God smooth the way for an unrestricted process for the Occupancy Permit of our new building.
- For the Salvation of the visitors who attend our services.
- For spiritual growth in the lives of those we are discipling: Jorge, Carolina, Rossana, Pedro, Felipe.
- Follow up of the 6 families contacted in the open air park evangelism.
- For godly and Spirit-led wisdom to work through unexpected changes in the ministry.

Thank you to those who wrote us an email requesting that we take them off the printed letter mailing list. We appreciate tremendously the feedback and the encouraging comments from those who wrote us. Let us remind you that you can keep up to date with us on our Blog (www.missionarymiles.com), in our Facebook profile (David Rogers) or via Email. Please write us if you are willing to eliminate the printed letter and switch to another form of media. It will assist us in reducing costs and it keeps you more involved via fresh, direct communication. The Email address to use is drogers@abwe.cc.

I will admit that we still love

getting birthday cards and Christmas cards, however! Some of our long time friends in our sending church have taken up the art of creating cards for just those purposes. And the cards are beautiful! The personal touch and the timely messages are definitely encouraging.

Other churches send us a “prayer card.” But they are not the traditional prayer card with the missionary’s picture on it. Rather it’s a card they sign when they have dedicated a few minutes to pray for us. That too is a spiritual booster.

The point is interaction, feedback and communication. Missionaries thrive on

direct communication. And that has become even more possible today, via the various electronic and home publishing methods. All this to say, that your prayer for your missionaries will take a turn for the better when you communicate personally with them.

So, whatever means you use, let us motivate you to take some time to write a missionary today. And then spend time praying for him or her. As the world rushes by, don’t overlook the basic tool of personal communication. And above all, please do not stop praying for us, as though our lives depended on it. Because, in a very real sense, they do. By joining in prayer and service together, God will give the increase.

Ministry Milestones

In our July letter we asked prayer for creative ways to find inroads into the high rise apartments near us. God gave two answers to prayer: in August, park evangelism opened the door to meet and follow up 6 families. In October a “Festival of Lights” outdoor game and recreational time on a

Naval base just 10 blocks away brought us over 100 children over 3 hours. Please pray now that we can nurture these contacts and build bridges to their families.

In August we were forced to make a move to a fifth rental location. Not always a pleasant thing to do, this move put us *right next door to*

our new building. We rented a gymnasium plus four rooms. A bit rustic, dusty and not very pretty, this place reminds us weekly of the goal: to begin using our new building. Finally we have more space, but our greatest need is to make one more move, that of moving **to our new building!!**

Chile in the News

Whether you think of it as bad press or good, the past five months Chile's headlines have focused on strikes. But it is not the common worker on strike nor the health employees. The strikes are being posed by the high school and college students of the entire country. More than 200 schools were being occupied by students, and hundreds more have suffered damage, vandalism and destruction of the facilities.

Their demands? Free education for high schools and universities and better quality in education. The marches have been supported by just about every sector of the society. They strike nationwide and they are violently opposed to those who do NOT support their cause. In addition to the students, many of which have sacrificed their school year for this cause, occasionally the national labor union has backed them, bringing about even more massive protests and sometimes, the accompanying violence.

This issue has become a regular matter of prayer for our church family for two reasons: 1) because our own students

are missing out on school and are struggling to find ways to not fall behind in their studies. And 2) because our church building is right in the middle of a university campus area. This second factor puts us at risk which has meant cancelling prayer meetings, classes and other church activities because of the danger the protestors present. Worse yet, the church building was vandalized because of this issue, on Sept. 11 when a mob stoned the front of the church breaking 8 large windows. With the windows still broken out, we continue to be vulnerable. Due to the high cost involved, we have not been able to replace the glass. Our desire is to replace it and immediately cover or protect the glass.

The next time you see Chile in the news, please pray for God to bring a viable solution to the student protest, to the educational issues and that *He protect us from further damages on the new building*. As a church, our prayer is that God use us to be a witness right where we are, even if it is in a neighborhood that is a "hot spot" socially and educationally.

Serving and Sharing

As the year winds down, our calendar gears up! The end of the calendar year also means the end of the school year and the beginning of summer vacation in Chile. During November, December, and January we have the following ministry plans. Please keep them on your prayer list.

1. Nov. 20, our second evangelistic emphasis Sunday as a church. We are praying for 200 people for that day. The theme is "Where was God when..."
2. Nov. 26, a married couple's conference we will be attending as a church.
3. Dec. 3, the graduation of several students from the Baptist Bible Theological College. These are night course students we have been teaching on site in our Church.
4. Dec. 8, baptisms and a church picnic all day.
5. Dec. 9—10, annual leader's retreat.
6. Dec. 16—17, Ladies' Annual Retreat (a BIG highlight of the year).
7. Dec. 25, the first Christmas cantata our church ensemble and musicians will have done in three years.
8. Jan. 8, New Life Baptist Church's 15th Anniversary.
9. Jan. 23 — 28, Summer camp for teens.
10. *And in February* (11 —18), a second building team from Bethel Baptist Church, in Cherry Hill, NJ.

In the midst of all these exciting ministry venues, there is one over-riding prayer matter. The process of our **Occupancy Permit for the new building**. By the time you receive this letter, we will have taken the first step toward gaining approval of the city for the public use of the new construction. You cannot imagine how desperately we need to be in the building so as to enjoy and use it for ministry. Please continue to pray with us for a smooth application process, for a quick and amiable inspection and for a prompt approval to use the church building. **Our prayer for 2012: that God be glorified through our Church in our neighborhood as a result of our presence and service to our community.**