

The Gali Family Missionaries to Chile

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Dear Pastor and Church Member,

April 22nd, I celebrated my one year anniversary in Chile. In the short time we have been here, it is exciting to look back and see all that God has done for our family. When we arrived, we only knew a couple of people and not very well at that, but in these last months we have come to know some very dear people - both church friends and fellow laborers in the country. This time has truly been one of learning and growing and we are thankful for those people whom God has put along our path to help our family adjust.

At the end of February, we were able to participate in our first Bible school. Kristen and I helped with the youth class and two new kids came for the classes. Both are unsaved and come from homes with many problems, but so far the parents have been open to the contact we have had with them so far. Sebastian is 13 years old, and is very faithful to Sunday school. It is amazing to see how little he knows of the Scripture, but he has a good attitude and is glad to come to class. We see Nicolas less, but he wants to come with the teens to the next outing we have. Pray for both of the boys that they would see their need of salvation and trust in the Lord as their Savior. As you pray, please remember the other kids in the Sunday school class. I am the assistant teacher of the teen class, and on average, we have 10 kids each week. Many of these young people have made professions of faith, but when questioned on their faith they can't give a clear testimony of what they believe. Many of them come to church on their own and have no Christian influence at home. Without Christ in their lives, they will continue on the same path they see their parents take because there has been no true change. God has given both Hermano Mauricio and I a great burden for these young people. Pray that God will work through us and that we will see them come to Christ.

Kristen has been assisting in the 3-5 year old class and she has quickly realized the need to know the language well. Her helper is one of the teen girls in the church. She is a nice girl, but she doesn't really have a heart for the work. Kristen gets frustrated because she wants to do so much more, but is still limited. She longs to form friendships with them, but it is hard when she is not able to speak freely. She was thrilled the other Sunday when she said hello to a little girl from her class, and the little girl looked up at her and grinned. Those moments make all the struggles worthwhile. Kristen has about 15 weeks of formal language training left, and I know that she covets your prayers on her behalf.

This past weekend, I was privileged to attend a men's conference in Temuco. What a blessing it was to spend two days of fellowship with some pastors from southern Chile. These men were strong, solid pastors who have a deep burden for their country. They opened my eyes once again to the great need before us. On the trip back, I drove through Victoria once again and was amazed at the need. We were told that Victoria had three Baptist Convention churches, which mean they are Charismatic and very liberal in their teaching, but as we drove through, I asked about a half dozen people if they could tell me where the Baptist church was, and nobody seemed to think that there was one. Although we have not decided definitely to start a work in Victoria, we are still praying for the area. We have many connections so far and have heard of some people in a nearby town that would be interested in coming if a church was started. Please pray for God's direction as we seek His peace.



It is evident that time is short, and we desire to faithfully serve our Lord in the remaining days. We thank you for your prayers and love for our family. May God bless you in this coming time of service.

In Christ,
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