

The Gali Family Missionaries to Chile



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Dear Pastor,

We have had a busy but exciting two months. In June, we moved into a new home in the city just outside of Calera de Tango. The house is about half the size of our previous one, and much easier to heat. We are settling in well. It has been a great blessing, because our children now have many kids to be friends with and are able to further practice their Spanish. It is exciting to hear them tell us about the kids they want to invite to church. We are thankful for God's provision and continued protection for our family.

After many months of praying for a church building, God has provided. We are renting a store front in a small strip mall called "Pueblito de Tango". The church is located on the main avenue of Calera de Tango, and is also a neighbor to five businesses. July 16 was our first Sunday in the building and we had 16 in attendance. We are enjoying having our own building, but we never realized the full blessing of the location until our first Sunday there. The only business that opens on Sunday is a restaurant. While the cars were pulling into the parking lot for Don Benitos, they also found out that there is now a Baptist church there as well. We praise God for the new building, and we are looking forward to the services ahead.

Visitation has been both interesting and a blessing. All of the houses have tall gates around them to protect from theft, and we are slowly getting used to yelling our "Alo" at each house. One man met our family holding a knife in his hand. We didn't know how to respond, but I just tried to speak to him as clearly as I could. Almost all of the people we have met are associated with one church or another. The churches are all spiritually dead, but we realize that it will take some time for the people to see that going to church is not biblical salvation. Please pray for our family and the other believers in the church that we will be a shining testimony to the people in Calera. We pray that these people will see the difference between religion and a personal relationship with Christ.

We have made several contacts over the past several weeks. One particular contact we are working with is Rosa. She is an older lady who is bitter toward God, because she lost her son and granddaughter in a car accident. Through other circumstances she is also very lonely. Our visits have been a blessing because she likes the company. We had a good visit with her last week, and although she did not accept Christ, she wants us to come visit her again. She also said that perhaps it is time to move on from her anger. God has also brought across our path David and Yolanda. They are Catholic, but they have been interested in our ministry since we met them. Yolanda works for hospice in Calera, and she has told me that when someone requests a minister, she will let me know. We're praying for this particular ministry outreach opportunity, because the last time I spoke with her, she told me that three more people had died that week. That may not seem like a large number, but three souls leaving this world without Christ is a serious thing. Please pray for this particular area of service that we will see God's will accomplished.

God has been so good to our family! Space never allows for us to share not only all the blessings, but also each special prayer need that we have. We thank you for the faithful prayers for the ministry and our family. May God continue to bless.

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Thank you so much for your prayers!

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