

THE REYES FAMILY



Elisha's 3rd Birthday



Catholic Missionaries



Lilianna's First Stitches



Josiah preaching to Lili and Ely

If there is one thing that is absolutely true about the mission field, it is that there is always something happening! As most of you already know, we started a church the last year that we were in Chile. I pastored it for a year and then ordained a national, committing the work to his hands. The timing his ordination was a God-send because it was in that same month that we were forced to return to the States for Sandra's kidney operation.

After returning to the States, we continued to support the pastor and the work back in Panguipulli. We received many positive reports during the year. However, when we returned this last November, we found that all was not well. Most of the families that we had won to Christ and had become faithful in church were not there. In fact, only 3 people remained semi-faithful to the services. This was a shock to us.

We spent the first 2 months here tracking down the members of the church and trying to find out why they were no longer in church. We learned that the man that we had set as pastor had changed some of the key philosophies and doctrines that the church was founded on. Those members who recognized this and had tried to say something about it were put into various forms of church discipline. When I spoke with the pastor about what I had found, I was disallowed to return to this church also.

After having counseled with several of our supporting pastors, we decided that we needed to remain here in Panguipulli to continue working with these people. There are still so many people in this area who need to hear the Gospel of Grace, and have a place to Grow in Grace. We are excited about the opportunity that God has set before us. We will begin having services this Sunday (March 9th) in our home. Please pray that God will give us direction on how to help the people who have been hurt by this whole situation.

We have also had a change in our home life. Miss Jessie, who had come with us to teach our children, had to return home a few weeks ago. Please pray for Sandra as she is once again having to take charge of our children's schooling. She is very good at it, but still lacks the health to do it as she wants to. We ask that you pray with us about finding for another lady who would be willing to come to Chile to help us in this area.

On a more positive note, Sandra and I had an opportunity to teach at a church camp last month. Between the both of us, we taught/preached 10 times in 3 days. The kids loved sleeping in a tent and sleeping bags. It was good to be with other, like-minded Christians for a few days.

These last few months I have been going soulwinning in Malahaue, Huellahue, Melefquen, Villaricca, and Panguipulli, and have seen 34 people saved since the new year. Now that we have decided to stay here, we will be much more active in just our city. Please pray for us to have wisdom in what we do in this work. Thank you so much for your prayers.

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