

Steve Reyes Family

Missionaries to Chile

¡Saludos desde Chile! So much time has passed since our last prayer letter. The first major news is that soul winning has been going great! We have found that going out late in the evening is much more effective. Each night from about 8pm to 12am I head down-town to hand out invitations to church and talk to people about salvation. About 90% of the people who let me witness to them all the way through end up getting saved. We have seen that explaining the 4 main misunderstandings that most people here have about the Gospel (1. There are good people, 2. Good people make it to heaven, 3. Jesus forgives only your past, 4. You have to earn His forgiveness), and asking, "If God were here right now, accept you just as you are, freely forgive all your sin, and secure you a place in heaven, would you accept or reject His forgiveness?" Most of them respond in a single word, "Obviously!" Most people here have not and would not reject God's gift of salvation, they just don't know the truth - that it is available to them. Glory to God that 48 people have gotten saved this past month and a half!

Things are quite different here in Arica then where we were in the south. We have had a lot to learn. It was like being in a whole new country! We have used different methods and are happy to find one that is producing results. People get saved in all different circumstances (transporting people, helping fix things, family problems, teach English, door-2-door, and just getting out passing out tracts etc). The opportunities are simply limitless! One of these opportunities presented itself in a difficult way. I have begun to take on some carpentry and computer work to be able to pay for the rent for the church building. The short story is that we don't have sufficient support to live in this area and run the ministry we do. However, it has been a blessing because it gives us more contact with people who would not otherwise be willing to listen to us concerning the Gospel. Of the 48 salvations above, 7 were direct results of the side work I have been able to do. Many people here view religion as a crutch for the weak or uneducated, but when I can solve one of their problems which they themselves cannot, they no longer see me in the light of a weak, uneducated person. The walls drop and many times they listen to the presentation of the Gospel. I believe this is called being made all things to all men.

The church as well has been a learning experience. Things have not gone as they did with our first work. We are trying to focus more on discipleship again. This month there will be 3 to 4 families starting discipleship! Please pray that this goes well. Also, last month a pastor friend from the south of Chile came to Arica and preached for us. What a blessing!

Health is always a factor for our lives here, and these last few months have been relatively difficult. However, I am amazed at how Sandra has kept a great spirit through this whole process. She has been in the hospital and clinics both here and in Peru, and has been trying some new medications. On top of her lupus, she has had to deal with kidney stones and scoliosis. I don't know how she does it. Please pray for her as she continues to battle with her health.

Just one more thing to note, as you have probably noticed, our prayer letter doesn't look the same! To say the very least we have been having some technological difficulties. A few months ago my Mac laptop turned into a paperweight. There is no repair available for it, which was discouraging to find out, but I still had a tablet that was being repaired in the states. When the box containing the repaired tablet finally arrived, to our disappointment we found that the tablet had been stolen by the customs department! I "filed a complaint" with the post office, customs department, and police department, but I am quite sure that I'll never see it again. O, the joys of living in a foreign country! Please don't get the wrong idea; even though there are some difficulties here, the blessings far outweigh them! I wouldn't trade being in God's will here in Chile for anything.

Thank you for your prayers,
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