

# THE REYES FAMILY

IN ARICA, CHILE



Mother and Daughter  
Baptism

God has blessed us tremendously these past few months! We don't have room to share everything, but let me give you some of the highlights. A few months ago we had to stop renting the church building. I had been doing some extra projects that helped to pay for the rent, but we finally decided to stop renting. We now meet in our house about a mile out of town. At first it was difficult to get people to come to church in the new location, being that it was further away from everyone, but the people have begun to come again. In addition to our regulars, our neighbor has begun to attend. She got saved a few months ago, but would never come to church in town, but now that the church is right across the road she has begun to attend, and very faithfully at that. She has even volunteered to drive to town and pick people up for church!



Lily making Brownies for  
after-church snack

Another blessing to mention is Yerka's family (top picture). I met her one day while buying groceries from the farmer's market. After talking a bit about some of the difficulties she was going through, I asked her if she would like to know what the Bible says about how to go to heaven. She agreed and a few minutes later she was praying to receive her forgiveness. Since that day she has not missed a single church service! Also, through her we were able to make contact with someone in the local prison who invited me to begin preaching regularly to the men behind bars. We will be working on getting the paperwork done once we return to Chile.



Sandra Witnessing at  
American Corner

In addition to Yerka, many other people have been saved these past few months. Whether in the American Corner where we teach English, or out in the street in the middle of the night, people everywhere are accepting their forgiveness. Many of these people have come to church with us and a few of them have even gotten baptized. There are so many opportunities that we have to share the gospel that it is staggering just to think of it. We could keep ourselves busy for the rest of our lives following the leads God has given us here in Arica where the population is 200,000+ and growing rapidly. We need more missionaries here!



More Baptisms

As I mentioned above, we had to stop renting the church building because of a lack of funds. 2 years ago when we started the church we had just completed a clothing drive with our supporting churches in New Mexico. The profit from that drive was enough for us to rent the church building for a year. After the money ran out we continued to carry the rent ourselves through extra money that I earned from carpentry and computer projects. However, it is clear to us that we need more support to run a ministry here in Arica where the cost of living is double what it was in the south where we first arrived to Chile. On December 18 we arrived back into the United States to begin to give report to the churches that have been supporting us, and also to try and pick up the additional support we need. We will be in the US for about 8 months, starting in California and ending in Florida. We look forward to being able to see you again as we come through. Please keep us in your prayers as we travel. We are praying that our support will increase to the level that we need, and have already lined up many meetings with new churches where we will be presenting our ministry. We thank you so much for your continued prayers for our family. May God bless you as you serve Him in your corner of the world.

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