



Bridging the Nations

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We pray that you are enjoying the Lord’s blessings. Here is what is going on with us in Chile.

Church Retreat

Great things are happening in Santiago. The church just returned from its annual church retreat and many people were saying “it was the greatest retreat the church has ever had.” It really was a dynamic retreat. Eighty plus people attended and we spent from Friday evening till Sunday afternoon together. The theme was “Following the Footprints of Jesus” by returning to the times of Jesus to understand what it would have been like for the 1st disciples. The church traveled through time back to the days of Jesus, where Luis Zepeda (a brother from the Los Nogales congregation) presented the Sermon on the Mount, Luke 15 and the feeding of the 5000 as Jesus would have with no Bible and in costume. There were also skits throughout the weekend at key times to create the atmosphere of “days of Jesus”. One of the most impacting skits was Peter’s denial of Christ done around a campfire late at night. Every aspect of the retreat was designed for people to feel the importance of being a disciple of Christ and how they can put it into practice in 2007. There were a number of visitors present at the retreat and the church grew while there. Claudio, a childhood friend of one of our members put on Christ in baptism. Please pray for the church as they follow through on their commitments from the weekend.

Marriage Encounter

The October Marriage Encounter was a success. The 4-6 of October the church hosted its 6th Marriage Encounter. Nineteen couples went to the encounter of which only 3 were Christians. There were a couple of marriages that were helped that weekend. One couple said “if we had not gone we would have separated”. Marriage encounter is having an impact on people because we have had at least . . .

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four couples who have come to church and the church retreat. This week Tae and I begin our newest growth group (follow-up to ME). Please pray for this group because there are 4 nonchristian couples that we will be trying to get into evangelistic studies. The interesting thing about this growth group is that all the new couples were invited by our previous growth group members. Pray that God will get the glory for the fruit from this group.

Kids

School is almost over. The kids have 6 weeks of school left before summer break. They are excited to be almost out. Thanks to all of you who helped with their schooling this year. God bless.

Pray Request

1. Please pray for our Growth Group.
2. Please pray for our travel. We leave for a city north of Santiago on Friday. Zane has a wedding to perform.
3. Pray for the church and their spiritual growth.
4. Pray for the team as Scott and Holly are looking for more support since their sponsoring church is going to end its support in July of 2008. Also the Emery and Hatcher families will be leaving on furlough this next month.
5. Pray for Tae as she plans all the summer activities for the kids.
6. Keep our brethren in southern California in your prayers as there are many in our sponsoring congregation that have been directly affected by the fires. Our hearts go out to those who have lost homes and to those whose lives have been changed so drastically.

God bless you all,

The Chileperks

Zane, Tae, Naomi, Isaac, Simeon and Enoch