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Dear brothers and sisters,

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We thank God for all of you and for the tremendous support you have been to the missionary ministry we have carried out for so many years.

I am sending this newsletter update following our arrival in Chile on January 5th of this year.

Our family is trying to stay warm amidst the intense cold here in Santiago; I am taking special care to protect my wife from the chill, given the prosthetics she wears. Unfortunately, due to her arthritis, her arches have shifted about a centimeter from their normal position; we have had special insoles made for her. On the bright side, she continues to share teachings via Zoom with a group of ladies, focusing on the Lord and the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

Upon our arrival in Chile, a group of believers asked for my help, as they had been without a pastor for ten years. There are about 20 of them, mostly seniors. It has been, and continues to be, a blessing for us. The building where they meet is in a state of serious disrepair; we need to fix the roof first, carry out various other repairs, and then paint the interior and exterior. The bathrooms are a disaster.



I also find myself needing to purchase about 20 folding chairs to accommodate the people attending the Bible studies we host at our home. Most of these individuals do not attend any church, yet the wonderful news is that seven of them have already accepted Jesus Christ. I am discipling them on Wednesdays; it has been truly good and encouraging to see how God continues to use us.



We thank God that, in July, we received an offering of \$750 toward a ministry van; we still need \$10,717 to reach the \$15,000 goal.

Looking ahead, I will be officiating my first wedding here in Chile on December 11th; two young believers, Diego and Javiera, have asked me to marry them.



Something very special and interesting happened to us: a sister from Pakistan contacted me online, asking for help in preparing topics for a group of about 40 women. Sister Martha from IPM helped with the translation from Spanish to English, and Sister Maria from Pakistan translated from English into the Pakistani language, Urdu. (Here is a photo of the sisters.)

As you can imagine, this is undoubtedly a blessing from God in our lives and a tremendous challenge, given that it involves a country where the Gospel is heavily restricted; Pakistan is the fifth most populous country in the world, with about 259 million inhabitants. Today, I shared a message based on Romans 1:17. Please pray for this door God has opened to share the Gospel. Pakistan is located within the 10/40 Window in South Asia.

As you can see, the Lord has been good to us, giving us the opportunity to continue serving Him at our age; I am 75 and my wife is 67. Yet, He is undoubtedly using all of you as you support us with your prayers and financial provision. Trusting in the words of Christ: "You have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things." Take heart! THANK YOU SO MUCH. I am deeply moved to think that all of you are with us in this ministry and to see how God continues to use us.

I am already planning my next trip to Cuba; it is very likely that missionary Enrique Mejías will accompany me, along with a pastor friend. I received an offering for Cuba, and I already have about three suitcases filled with clothes, toothpaste, and toothbrushes to take there. Thank you very much.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. For my dear wife: that she stays healthy and that the Lord performs a miracle by healing her arthritis.
2. For my daughter Sharon, who is due to give birth to her first daughter on September 17; may everything go well.
3. For my son Joel: that he finds a good job here in Chile, as he plans to get married later this year.
4. For new converts, and that God continues to bless our home meetings.
5. For the sisters and the church in Pakistan; may God bless their lives, provide for them, and watch over them.
6. Pray that God provides the means to remodel and repair the facade of our small church building and to cover the remaining cost of the van, which will be very useful for the ministry.

Your missionaries from my beloved mission agency, IPM, serving for over 30 years!

Sergio and Alejandra

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