

# Best News

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**Hello Dear Friends!**

While global events may be changing more rapidly than ever, our heart for global missions has not changed. We don't have all the answers, but it is amazing how God daily reminds us of His work and provision. As a reminder, when our visas expired earlier this year in Chile, we were required to leave the country as no renewals were being issued due to COVID 19. We returned to the US and are now anxiously waiting for the country to open up again so we can apply for our resident Chile visas and return to our country of service.

We sent an initial email to all of our partners acknowledging some of the changes the pandemic has brought into our lives... We are residing temporarily now at the **Missionary Residence of First Baptist Church in Columbia, Mississippi**. We have had several opportunities to serve. Mark has preached at nearby churches, attended the local Pastor's

meeting, taught Sunday School classes, and did a presentation at First Baptist Church here on our work in Chile. Mark also has an upcoming opportunity to preach at a Hispanic church and we will be speaking at partnership churches in Texas next month. All the while, we are continuing to share everywhere how God is at work missions in Chile and around the world.



Pam in the Missionary Residence kitchen

As for our work in Chile, we are both continuing to be student/teacher **mentors and advisors** for our **Bible Institute students** via Zoom working on their dissertations. Please keep them in your prayers, including Susana and Sally who are completing 4 years of study in the institute. We are getting good reports of what God is doing in the **COBAMI church** plant and **ANCLA ministry** to former alcoholics and drug addicts. The men there have accepted Christ and are actively involved in Iglesia Bautista el Ancla (The Anchor Baptist Church) across the street from the ministry center and are attending the Bible Institute (ITIP). Several of these same men were visiting Pastor Faria when they heard a noise next door at CECOBA (Baptist Community Center) that was being robbed. They caught the thief, led him to Christ, and now are ministering to him each week in prison and waiting for his release. Upon his release, plans are for this former thief, but **now Redeemed in Christ** to be placed in ANCLA. We are so excited to see how God is at work in these ministries! We look forward to returning to do theological education work, and renewed efforts for **church planting** among fringe areas of the cities with no *witness* for Christ. Thank you for fervent prayers for these ministries in Chile.



Missionary/Pastor Alexei  
with a Brother at CECOBA

We all seem to be encountering many new, first-time challenges and adventures. Most of what we have been through is the same as most of you...quarantine, masks, "social distancing", etc. However, the unique circumstances has also affected us in a special way... we are far away from our ministry home, having had to leave to return to the US. This means that many of our ministries are also on hold and are waiting for the country to open back up.

In spite of this turmoil, we have absolute certainty that God is in control. This brings great comfort in this time of uncertainty and upheaval. We hope this brings comfort to you as well. When, where, and how we will return to Chile has already been decided by the Way maker. We put our trust in Him and refuse to yield to fear and depression. Although our circumstances and future seem to be uncertain, God is



allowing to be blessed. We have been able to celebrate Emily's 15<sup>th</sup> birthday with a traditional "Quinceañera" party, spend time with the grandkids, and Mark's Dad in the nursing home in Texas.

Emily's 15<sup>th</sup> "Quinceañera" birthday party

## **IMPACTS AND ANSWERS...**

We've been humbled and amazed by the acts of generosity from you who are our Partnership support ministry team. We consider you our family and thank you deeply for how you have loved us. Your role on our ministry team is important.

Several tangible impacts of the pandemic have affected our ministry: Our financial support has fallen due to COVID, and we are in need of growing our Partnership support family. Please pray for God to open doors and lead us to those who are seeking a way to make a difference in the world by sharing the Light and Love of Christ through God's work in us in South America.

We give thanks to God for this unplanned furlough/stateside assignment. The time in the states has been and continues to be a blessing. God knows what He is doing. Continue asking for God to heal and replenish us.

Pray for the Faria family, our missionary team members in Antofagasta, Chile. Both Alexei and Ana Paula have both been very sick. Please pray for quick healing and for strength for the girls who are taking on the responsibilities of the house and meals while maintaining their studies.



Brazilian missionaries Alexei, Ana Paula, Miria, and Ana Raquel serving on our team in Angofagasta, Chile

How can we support you, our partners? We would love to hear from you.

Love in Christ,  
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