

SANCHEZ FAMILY MISSIONS

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Hola Brothers and Sisters!

Yes, this report is a month behind schedule and our apologies but that is due to the fact that these past three months have been some of the busiest we have seen in yet. Thank you for your patience and we are excited to share what has been happening here since August! God has been moving in big ways and we are doing our best to keep up and raise up workers along side us.

So many of you know that the large part of our work is evangelism, edification and restoration, most of that work is done through personal bible studies in homes or visits. Laura and I sat down and counted it out and over the last 3 months I have been studying with 32 different people weekly in homes in one or more of those three areas. That number has never been so high before and not without its fruits.

In the last 3 months we have had 17 new baptisms glory to God. 2 in September, 13 in October, and 2 in November. September we celebrated our churches 27th year anniversary as a congregation with a big congregational dinner, we were so blessed to have Brian and Michelle visiting us from Ecuador, they blessed us by taking my wife and I to the Southern part of Chile for a 3 day couple get away which was a time of prayer, renewal and fun! What a blessing, we also have our Chilean National celebrations 18th of September where Chile celebrates it's independence and the whole country goes on a 5 day holiday in honor of that! So there are a lot of barbeques and time together in family. But Church doesn't stop and as our church continues to grow and the demand for my time and the other evangelists time is needed more in outreach. Yet God in his provision has also brought more great young men willing to serve to the fore front. So in October, I offered a Lord's supper and devotional preparation training for men in our congregation who are interested. There was a great turn out, around 14 men of all ages showed up. Several have taken great initiative and are doing a wonderful job. The Congregation in La Villa also held there annual evangelistic campaign where I was again honored to be invited to be one of the speakers and that campaign resulted in 3 of the 17 baptisms I am happy to tell you about. Laura has also been very busy working on a series in Genesis for our women's ministry here in Nogales. She has given three classes and is set to give the fourth at the end of this month. The series is called "Us" looking at the relational nature of God and therefore the relational dynamic we were created for with each other and God as being image bearers.

It is very exciting work and our ladies are loving it. She is also working very hard as a tutor for our girls home school community, teaching our own two girls and investing in women in our church one on one ministry needs of various women just by having them in our home and listening to them and praying with them. This year she has worked very hard in building up new leaders for our children's ministry and has a great group of ladies. There is a Church of Christ non profit called Greater Cities who offer missionary care to workers in latin america and offer a retreat for missionaries for 4 days in Sao Paulo, Brazil called Connexions. In 2018 a couple paid for my wife to go and this year we were given the opportunity for her to go again. It was an incredible blessing for her to rest, renew and reconnect spiritually in English with God with other christian workers like her which is something that is not possible here in Chile at least. We praise God for that blessing as that has a ripple affect for our family and church here. Our most joyful news is that our youngest daughter Lili turned 7 this month! She is our shy one but very silly and sweet once she opens up, she is loosing teeth and more and more curious about everything. It is a joy to see her discover the world around her and see God and His hand in creation and His people. She and Daisy are our greatest blessing and we thank you for the financial support that provides for these two incredible little souls.

So now for one of my favorite parts of our reports, sharing with you about our new brothers and sisters in Christ: Our new siblings in Nogales are: Catherine, Maylin, Genesis, Miguel, Yuli, Carlos, Yurbelis, Nancy, Juan Carlos, José, Hugo,

More than a year ago, a sister from our congregation asked for a Taxi (Uber) to go to church. On the way, our sister began to talk to the driver about God and the Church. When she arrived the driver asked our sister if she could join her at church. Her name is Bridget, Bridget has always been a woman who has loved God and has been searching for the truth of God. It was there when Bridget met the Church for the first time, what impacted her was the word of God, and how the church of Christ carefully studied and celebrated it.

At the end of our service, we approached her, and contact was made to study the bible with her family. Bridget, her husband and her 2 children were baptized after 2 months of studies last year. But Bridget is a very influential woman in her family, a spiritual leader and example for her brothers and nephews. While we were studying with Bridget and her family, she began inviting her mother and brothers, sisters and brothers-in-law to the studies. This is how God gave us the opportunity to start studying for more than 1 year with this family 2 times a week, a group that started out with two and has grown to 15 people weekly.

Thanks God (Maylin, Genesis, Miguel, Yuli, Carlos, Yurbelis and Luis) They gave their lives to Jesus this past month.

Catherin and her husband Javier recently immigrated to Chile from Ecuador and they are living a little more than 3 hours from Santiago. I had forgotten but I had baptized Javier 5 years ago in an evangelistic campaign in Ecuador. When they moved to Chile, on their own they sought out our church and made arrangements to travel spend the night on Saturdays with our Deacons Leonel and Olga who live two doors down from the church building to and be able to congregate with us on Sundays! Talk about commitment! During their stays with Olga and Leonel it was discovered that Catherine didn't know much and her husband wanted to study the bible, so they called me and we began to study and I learned that she was not a Christian, so, God opened the door to preach the gospel to her, that is how she decided to give her life to Jesus, the incredible thing is that the night she decided to be baptized, her husband tells me, "Thank you brother Pablo for having baptized me in Ecuador 5 years ago, because of that moment now I will be able to baptize my wife." I had forgotten him completely! I felt so bad and happy at the same time!

The other incredible story is the story of José. José married a sister of our congregation of Venezuelan nationality. José at first believed only in God as a force of Energy, but he did not believe Jesus as the Son of God or the God of the Bible specifically. He was a simple guy who had a credited "God" to helping him out the few times he had asked over his life.

José due to the love of his wife had been congregating with us for 2 years, He was even happily going to weekly home studies, José was even active in various activities in our congregation, he helped out in various ministries like our marriage ministries and in other things, we just treated him as one of our own and trusted God to do the rest and guess what...He did. Our men have bi-weekly soccer games and after that Carlos's baptism was organized and Jose came along. Paco Rada, who was visiting from the states was invited to talk before the baptism about what baptism is one more time and Carlo's sister Yurbeli's also decided to be baptized but right at that moment Jose finally said, "I believe today that Jesus is the Lord, the Son of God, my savior, I want to be baptized!" It was a spiritual celebration, full of joy and tears as we saw what God did and continues to do in Joseph's life. He waited till the next week to be baptized because his wife was away, but it was awesome.

John and Juan Carlos they are 2 young teenagers whose story I will have to share another time but is worth its own page, for that one email me. who have studied with me for a couple of months, since they expressed the desire to give their lives to Jesus.

Dear brothers and friends, we want to thank each of you with all our hearts for your prayers, for your support and your love for our family and also your love for the kingdom of God. Thank our God for allowing us to serve despite being vessels of clay. Please continue to pray for our efforts to find a bigger building, a project we are slowly chipping away at and desperately need. And pray for our physical strength and ability to rest as we like everyone can run out of gas with so much to do.

2 Corinthians 4:7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

1 Corinthians 1:21 "For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe." Why did I put these scriptures?

Because Pablo and Laura are not anything special, if you spent any time with us at all you would know that we are very under qualified in world standards and far from perfect people, we also are not the most elequent or profound power preachers. We are people with very flawed pasts who God in His great love has chosen to redeem. We are nothing special, yet even on our best days in our own uniqueness can seem ridiculous compared to so many others in our feild. And yet... the Great Wisdom of God, still works through us. 8 years in and God astonishingly has used us to bring hundreds to Christ through this partnership with you in latin America. Amazing how two people raising their hand and saying send us and God's people a world away saying we will support you can have the great priviledge to be part of growing the Kingdom in this bottom corner of the earth. The point is ANYBODY can do this any where. So where every you are, in the grocery store, at your job, taking out the trash in your apartment complex, or in your uber, open your mouth and speak and let God use you. He uses even the foolishness of us and our words to bring about His truth and salvation if we Let him, Let God be God in you. He will bring the back up needed, it isn't all up to you. Be a part of it locally too if you aren't already. It is so much fun and so worth it. We cannot stop being amazed at God in our lives and God through you in making all this possible. We are literally typing this report because of you. I ate breakfast and put gas in the car to get to these bible studies because of you. My kids have food in their tummies because of you and I have the time to do this because of you. That is never lost on us. We don't want it to be lost on you either, thank you for reading about the people that you have partnered in the great mission to rescue of bringing to Christ by supporting us. So thank you and know that God delights in you too because of this.

I also Thank God for my wife and daughters for their work, love, patience and sacrifice in all this work, since without their support, and their great help in all this, it could not be possible.

Much love in Christ to you all,

Pablo Laura, Daisy and Lili

SEPTEMBER PHOTOS

Monday, 27 November 2023



Me (much fatter) 5 years ago baptizing Javier in Ecuador (Catherin's husband)



Los Nogales 27th year Anniversary dinner



Baptism of Mailin

Baptized by Bridget's son Angel

(The sister in law of Bridget...the rest follow in October)



Baptism of Catherin from Ecuador (standing next to deacons Olga and Leonel)

18th of September Chilean Independence Celebrations



Trip to Southern Chile with Brian and Michelle from Ecuador!



Our favorite Chilean Americans: Lili and Daisy in Chilean traditional hats!



OCTOBER PHOTOS

Monday, 27 November 2023



Evangelistic conference for the Church of Christ in La Villa three baptisms resulted from those efforts



Baptism of Nancy



Baptism of Juan Carlos



Baptism of Hugo



Bridget's whole family who attend our church now, plus me and my girls and my father who joined in the photo. All from a conversation in an Uber...



Baptism of Jon



José's Baptism by my Dad



Baptisms of Yuli, Miguel and Genesis



Lord's Supper and Devotional Training

NOVEMBER AND OTHER PHOTOS

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Baptism of Luis



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Laura's Genesis Series "Juntos" or "Us" - Created to Connect a deep study of the relational nature of God and mankind as image bearers



Lili Turns 7 years Old! And loves Snoopy



Laura tutoring in our Bilingual Homeschool community Classical Conversations

Laura serving in kids ministry for in Los Nogales

