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Committing to the Lord



Two week ago we had 5 families present before the congregation their commitment to raise their children up in the ways of the Lord. All 5 families have babies from 10 months to 3 weeks of age. It was exciting to see the commitment of these

young parents. Also one of the fathers, Samuel Espinoza, was baptized this Sunday, because he could not promise to bring his son up in the Lord without getting his spiritual life right first. It was a great day a new birth and 5 parent's commitment to follow the command in Deut. 6:4-9. May God bless you search for His will in your life.



Climate Affects the Church

Also, winter has arrived in Santiago. The last week the temperatures fell into the 40's. This is a difficult time for the church because Chilean typically don't get out when it is cold. This affects church attendance because of sickness, depression and "cold-a-phobia". Please pray for the church as we move into a trying time for many of our member, especially the elderly in the congregation. May God bless you as you grow spiritually.

Missionary Work is not only Evangelism



This week, we need to ask you to pray for a couple here in the church, Samuel & Ingrid. Samuel was baptized just a couple of weeks ago, but they are having severe marital problems. We are doing marriage counseling with them. Please pray for them because they are on the verge of breaking up the family. Ingrid is not a Christian but we are praying that through study and counsel she will give

her life 1st to God and to her husband. Please pray that God will use us in showing them how to Christ-focus their marriage. Also pray for their son who is 10 months old and caught in the middle.

Big News in Chile

Many of you may have seen on the news about the Volcano Chaiten. Chaiten is about 800 miles south of Santiago in the southern region of Chile. Two weeks ago this volcano began to erupt, shooting ash and sulphur gas high into the atmosphere. Since it began there have been around 5000 people evacuated from the surrounding areas. The people from the villages to the east of the volcano have been evacuated for safety and health reasons. The column of smoke and ash has rained down on cities as far east as the Atlantic coast of Argentina. Please pray for the people directly affected by the eruption.



Marriage Encounter

The 16-18 of May the church puts on their 7th Marriage Encounter weekend. This is an exciting time because for this weekend there are already 21 couples signed up and usually there are a few more during the week prior. Most of the people coming to the retreat this time were invited and are sponsored by Chileans, which is the first time since we started Marriage Encounter that most of the contact has not come through the missionaries. We need you to pray for the weekend for a couple of reasons.

1. Please pray for Kelley and Julie Grant, this is their first time to serve as coordinators during the weekend.

2. Please pray for Tae and me as we are working the entire weekend and leaving the kids with Tae's brother. He came in from Mexico just to help us out.
3. Please pray for the couples going to the encounter. This is going to be the largest thus far.
4. Please pray for Patricio & Alicia, Fransico & Dragana, Scott & Holly, Juan & Gilda, Hector & Flor, Fernando & Maria Eugenia, and the Perkins as we are the support group serving in the weekend.

Family

The kids are doing well. Each prepared special Mother's Day gifts and presented them to Mom Sunday morning. We are looking forward to a two week vacation from school as the kids are finishing up their first term. They are excited about Uncle Nathan coming even though it means that Mommy and Daddy will be unavailable for the whole weekend. Please pray for them as well.

