

# BRIDGING THE NATIONS

Greetings from the Chileperks  
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Winter  
is coming

## Discipleship at work

The Hogar Luz de Cristo is a foster-care home that the church here works with and helps support. There are about 20-30 children in the home that have been removed from abusive situations. It was the discipleship groups' turn to serve them. All of the groups got together,

went to the home and threw a big party for them. We played soccer, painted faces, decorated sugar cookies and rented an inflatable slide. It was an incredible day because some of those kids got to do things that they would have never been able to do otherwise. In spite of people being sick or having to travel for work our time at the Hogar was a blessing not only for the children but also for the discipleship group to serve together in ministry. Please continue to pray for the groups as it is getting harder for them to stay committed.



# The Youth Going Strong

**The youth create energy and excitement in the church.**

The last couple of weeks the youth have been extremely active and trying to reach out to the lost.

They did something a couple of weeks ago that really brought excitement to the church. They went to feed the homeless. It was not just an ordinary visit because it was completely organized by them and many of them had never been to do such a ministry. After preparing sandwiches and coffee, they went to the public hospital. It only took about 45 minutes to completely exhaust the food and coffee but they continued to visit with them for another 3 hours. When they returned to the church building, they spent time praying and debriefing their experiences.

The next morning in church as the youth shared some of their experiences a gentleman named Ricardo entered in his wheelchair.

He was one of the people they spent time conversing with the night before. They all stayed and had lunch together. This experience encouraged the church to be more involved in the community.

Also Nancy was baptized last Sunday. She has been participating with the youth for a couple of months.



## Prayer requests...

Pray for the kids as they continue to go to school. They are having much better times at school this year.

Please pray for more financial help for the kids' school. If you have any contact that might be able to help us with this let us know. We still need about 10,000 dollars for the rest of the year.

Please pray for my study with Patricio, David and Ignacia. They are believers but need to grow in their intimate relationship with the Savior Jesus Christ.

Pray for health, this is a tough time of year when everyone starts struggling with illness.

# Camping with church family

Camping Laguna Aculeo

This past Easter, the Chileperks invited four other families to go on the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Easter weekend camping trip. Here in Chile Easter is a big deal and Good Friday is a holiday, so we decide to have a fun camping retreat and blend it with family devotional and spiritual conversation. It was a blast. One of the couples had never been camping before and they loved it. It was an interesting experience for them because we had American style breakfasts and campfire s'mores. They were beside themselves with the novelties. It reminded us of the need to get out and build relationships with Chileans outside of church and discipleship. Often as missionaries it is a lonely place because you are always the spiritual guide with never a moment as a peer. But on this camping trip it was good to be able to be together with fellow Christians without the pressure of being the missionary. We were peers in the "Chilean outback". The



group decided it was so much fun that it will probably become a regular event on

Easter weekend. The families that went on

the trip

were:



Emery  
(Scott, Holly,

Savannah,

Hayden)

Zalaquette

(Claudio, Pamela, Farrid, Salma)

Jabalquinto

(Miquel, Pamela, Daniela, Jose Miquel)





The family is doing great. The kids are having a good year in school. They all have great teachers. School activities are keeping them and us busy. It seems that as a family if we are not at school we are at church. Even though we are extremely busy we have time to have some fun playing soccer, cards and even going to the movie on special occasions. We are trying to balance ministry and family. Please pray for us.

## Special needs...

Please pray for the kid's schooling. We are still in need of ten thousand dollars to finish paying for this year. Also we are looking at buying a house as a financial investment but cannot get a loan from banks here in Chile. We are looking for people who might be able to LOAN us money to make that investment. If you have any leads or are willing (either need) let us know and we can talk in more detail.

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