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# CHILE

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Greetings from Santiago,

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With September now upon us, we are seeing the signs of Spring all around. The weather is beginning to warm up and it appears we had our last snowfall of the year last weekend. It also means that the sicknesses that have kept people from church off and on during the winter will be disappearing.

Now with the nicer weather, we are able to begin another cycle within our Discipleship ministry. I began a new round of our 2nd level of Discipleship this week and will start level three next week. It's so exciting to watch God change lives.

Several of our church families have went through some tremendously difficult times in the last several months because of health and financial problems. There is still a long way to go for most of what they are dealing with to be resolved. It has been amazing to see the how each family is continually committed to allowing God to work out the details.

Chile is just now in the process of resolving serious issues in the educational system. Schools and universities have been closed due to nationwide protests for several months. One of the great concerns is that many students could possibly lose this academic year and have to repeat their classes again next year. This of course is adding more stress to each of the families already dealing with health and financial problems

I believe a spiritual war has been waging especially strong against our church and her members this year. However, we have been seeing amazing strength and perseverance in the lives of those who have been growing spiritually through Discipleship. Even after losing four families in July, we've seen the Lord bless with at least 10 first time visitors as well as a renewed commitment on the part of many others of the church.

One new family, Arturo, Nicole and 2 year old son, Benjamin, are neighbors of Adrian and Antonieta, one of our church families. They came to our couples meeting at the end of August and have now attended the last two Sunday services. They are very animated right now and both had new Bibles last week. They are showing a real desire to learn God's Word. This has been the result of Adrian and Antonieta showing genuine love and concern for their neighbors for many years. God has blessed them with fruit for their efforts.

Now comes the most important part, praying and allowing God to work through each of us to help bring Arturo and Nicole to understand their need to receive Christ as Savior.

**- Changed lives is what it is all about. -**

**! Please Continue Praying with us for...!**

**- Arturo and Nicole—Salvation**

**- A permanent place for the church**

**Chile for Christ**



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