



MISSIONS UPDATE

MORSEYS // SANTIAGO, CHILE

Dear Friends in Christ,

WE THANK THOSE WHO HAVE CONTINUED to remember us in your prayers. Through the years your prayers have at least resulted in sustaining grace for us for the work here in Chile. I don't think we or you, our supporters, have deviated much in our efforts for the Gospel in Chile over the past 23 years. At times we have felt like we were just "spinning our wheels" with very little fruit for our efforts. At other times the hand of God has been undeniable. Such has been the work over the past 4 months.

Ever since we have been in "lock down" (March 14th), we have seen the church grow in number, unity, service and care for our neighbor. This is definitely not what we expected, but God has shown that He is not limited by pandemics or any other adversity.

Life's Hope Baptist Church, in the past 4 months, has added new members (4 families), elected its first group of deacons (5) and seen participation in small group studies increase (10 men on the average meet every week with the women having 12 to 15). By the way, this is a first for me to have a weekly men's study. They are usually just too busy with their long work hours. Now they are working from home and saving 2 to 3 hours a day on their commute. We also have 5 men's accountability groups of 3 to 4 men that meet each week.

Our new deacons are administering a "Basket of Love" ministry to those in need. This involved delivering monthly care boxes of basic needs to neighbors and those of our own church family who are out of work.

Things in Chile seem to have hit their peak with the COVID-19 virus. We are in total lockdown. Fines are given if you are caught without masks or a special permission you have to download to do anything. You are limited to 3 hours and only 3 permissions are given each week. Yesterday Chile dropped from the 6th country with the most cases (a lot for a country of just 17 million) to 8th. For example, per capita, Chile has more than twice as many cases as California.

As a result, our plans to travel to the US in July have been postponed until August and we could see that pushed back even more. Lord willing, we will be in California for 2 months, visiting some churches we haven't seen for 4 years and spending some time with family.

Thank you for not forgetting about us. We thank God for you and your part in the work here.

By His Grace,

James and Coletta

