

# The Saints

SHARING THE LOVE OF GOD IN CHILE

July 2023

Dear Prayer Partners,

Thank you for your continued prayers. We've had a lot going on, but I'd rather keep busy for the Lord than sit by idly any day.

First, our San Pedro church building is nearly done, at least as done as we're going to get it. The structure and roof are finished, but we don't have siding on the exterior and the interior is completely unfinished. The church members are saving up to help buy the first-floor windows and our church account should have enough to buy the main doors. With those in place, we should be able to start using this building come spring, which is September for us. Thank you for all your prayers and to each one who has given to make this possible! Our church people are already excited about all the different things that might change once we are able to use this building. For starters, we'll all be able to see each other during the service (currently, about a third of our chairs are hidden from view, behind a staircase)!

We also ordained our first deacon at the church in San Pedro! Juan Carlos has always had a servant's heart. During the past 2-3 years, he has also been our most faithful member. We had been praying about ordaining him as our first deacon for quite some time, and God seemed to tell us that this was the right time to do it. We also made his wife, Adriana, our treasurer, and are officially calling them our deacon team. Please continue to pray for Juan Carlos and Adriana. I will begin mentoring him specifically for the purpose of him one day becoming the pastor of the church in San Pedro. He has told me he feels called to pastor; and, while he may

not be ready for that responsibility right now, we'll do our best to help prepare him for the pastorate if that's God's will. My current plan is to make him my assistant pastor before our next furlough (either in 2025 or 2026). While we're gone, he will be the pastor, but I'll still be able to step in and correct some things after our furlough, should the need arise. But if he leads the church according to God's will, then we'll begin praying about when God wants us to pass the reigns to Juan Carlos while we focus our ministry efforts elsewhere (Cañete, Bible Institute, and maybe another city like Coronel). That's just my vision for events that are still years down the road, but I would appreciate your prayers as we work towards that goal.

The ministry in Candelaria afforded me my first opportunity to preach a wedding here in Chile! The couple had a long-time pastor friend officiate the wedding, but they specifically asked me to preach before the ceremony, and I was honored. Hector and Erika are in their 60's and have spent most of their adult lives together, but they decided that they should obey God and get married.



## Ministry Goals:

- Evangelize the lost
- Equip the believers
- Establish NT churches

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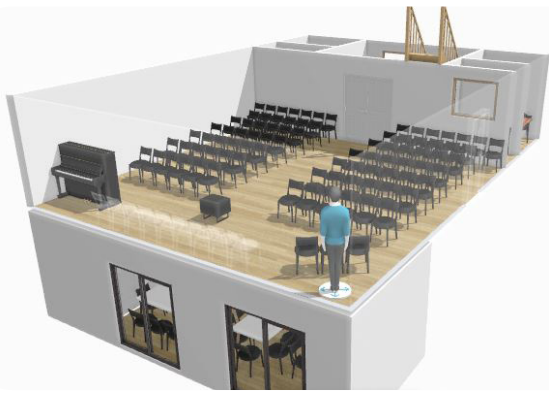
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The ministry in Cañete has also had some exciting developments. If you missed our last prayer letter (sent two weeks ago), we had an amazing opportunity to purchase a central piece of property for just \$30,000. Individuals loaned us that money so that we could purchase the property, and now we are trusting that God will provide the needed funds to pay back that loan quickly. We will need an additional \$20,000 to build a building that should seat 80 people and have two large classrooms, two bathrooms, and a small office. This would only cover the basic structure, but that would be enough to allow us to use the building while the church offerings slowly finish

the building. Praise the Lord, \$250 have already been provided for this need! Celso and Karla are excited about the possibility of being able to invite their contacts to a more central location than their rural property, which has been our only meeting place so far. We're also anticipating another family, Carlos and Jaqueline, joining and helping out soon.

We finally have a family vehicle! That doesn't mean the saga has ended, however. We were able to purchase a new-to-us 12-passenger van that should accommodate the growing needs of our family and the ministry. Thank you to everyone who gave to help make that possible. We had the van inspected by a mechanic before we bought it, and he said it was in excellent condition. Unfortunately, it broke down on our first trip to Cañete. Apparently, the radiator was cracked. The van is currently at the mechanic and should be road worthy when it is returned to us. In the meantime, I've been working on getting a commercial driver's license because a regular driver's license is only good enough for up to nine passengers. The day before the van broke down, we noticed another offering had come in for our transportation needs and this offering more than covered the needed repairs. Praise the Lord! I'll spare you all the details of the trouble we've had in fixing the compact SUV or getting Celso's van repaired. But Celso's van is finally working again, so we have our small car back and we trust that our compact SUV will be repaired at some point, so we can sell it to recover the money we have spent on it.



Our children continue to grow. I don't have enough space to tell you all the ways each child brings joy (and sometimes frustration!) to our lives, but we are blessed. Hannah loves reading, she and Rachel enjoy helping take care of Abby, the boys enjoy playing with whatever sticks and stones they can find when the weather is nice enough for them to go outside, and Abby is officially a mobile baby now!

We will be taking a quick trip to the States in October-November, mostly to participate in a missions' conference and spend some time with family. If we did not get to see you during our last furlough, I (Nathan) could be available for a meeting in the Atlanta area on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, or pretty much anywhere on Sunday, November 5. My family may or may not be available to travel with me.

As always, thank you for continuing to pray for us. Thank you to each one who gives so that we can lift up Jesus here in Chile.

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