Church planting in

Dear pastors and praying friends,

We've had so much going on lately that it's hard to even remember it all! Here are some of the highlights, as well as a few things you can be praying about in the coming days.

#### Missions Month

October was our missions month, and we went all out! We decorated the church, taught about famous missionaries in the kids' classes, and really encouraged everyone to get involved in the missions conference—and they truly did.

We had groups representing different countries, which helped everyone learn about the need for missions around the world. We also worked hard to promote faith promise missions, with the goal of taking on a third missionary (we currently support two at about \$40 a month).

I had hoped to reach \$120 a month (about 120,000 Chilean pesos), but instead, the church promised 215,000 pesos! This is a huge jump and should be enough for us to take on two more missionaries. We've already begun supporting our third missionary, and the church is very excited about it.

## **Discipleships**

Several people have been in discipleship, and many are now finishing up. That's exciting because it means they're ready to start discipling others themselves.

Alfredo—a young man called to ministry and currently studying in Bible college—is finishing discipleship with Paul, a man who was recently saved and baptized here at the church. It's wonderful to disciple someone, but it's even more exciting to see someone you discipled turn around and disciple someone else. Alfredo was saved, baptized, and discipled here, and now he's helping to carry out the Great Commission with others.

## **Property Update**

Unfortunately, the owners of the house we were so close to buying acted unethically and tried to take advantage of us, which ultimately ended the deal. I was disappointed, of course, but since we've been preaching through Job, it's been a reminder to me of just how mysterious (yet never distant) the Lord is. Things don't always work out as we plan—and that's OK.

That said, I'm now in talks with another property that looks very promising, so please keep praying for that. We currently have about \$86,000 USD set aside for the purchase, and it's looking like we'll need another \$100,000 by the time everything is finalized. If you'd like to help, you can send a donation to:

### Vision Baptist Missions P.O. Box 647 Dawsonville, GA 30534 Attn: Shreve Building Fund

(Please make checks payable to Vision Baptist Missions and include "Shreve Building Fund" in the memo line. The mission cannot cash the check without that note. Thank you!)

# **Upcoming Events**

This Saturday, we'll have an outreach breakfast—we'll eat together, have a short workshop on evangelism, and then divide into groups to either go door-to-door or hold a kids' Bible time in the park. We try to give our people a monthly opportunity to get involved in evangelism, along with regular teaching on its importance from the pulpit.

The following Saturday, we'll have a marriage meeting with the couples of the church, and several are bringing unsaved family and friends. Please pray for this meeting and for Pastor Claudio Orellana, who will be preaching. I'm praying that the Lord will use it to strengthen marriages and bring people to salvation.

#### **Closing Remarks**

Thank you all so much for your prayers and support as we joyfully labor for the Lord here in Chile. I'm encouraged by how the church is growing and maturing, and I truly believe the best is yet to come.

In Christ,

Mara Sin

Kyle, Hannah, Isabella, Isaiah, Isla Shreve