

Dear pastors and praying friends,

Thank you so much for your prayers over the last month. We have some exciting news, as well as some important prayer requests.

Training for ministry

I want to dedicate the majority of this letter to share what has been our biggest motive of praise. Marcos and his family began attending the church last April, and have been nothing short of a blessing since. He actually grew up in a church that did preach salvation by faith alone, but had several other doctrinal and practical errors. For example, he struggled with needing to be baptized (as he had only been sprinkled, not truly baptized) and the concept of discipleship, but after seeing how prominent they are in the Bible, he changed his mind. He and his wife have both been baptized correctly, and have finished discipleship. Marcos and I began a discipleship with a new family from the church this week as well, and he really has enjoyed it.

When he first arrived to the church, he made it very clear that he was not at all interested in pastoral ministry, and was actually sort of opposed to it. I never really pressured him, or even mentioned it to him, because I believe we can manipulate people into doing things, but only God can truly call them. About 2 months ago, he mentioned to me that he had been thinking and God had been working in his life, and he felt that God was leading him to be a pastor. This is obviously a huge answer to prayer because we have been praying for a pastor and leaders for the church while we are on furlough, and to start new works in the future, but also because it's very clear that it was the Lord working in his heart, not man.

It's a long way from the call to the pulpit, but Marcos is taking the right steps. He is enrolled at the seminary here, is discipling others, is preaching 5 min messages at church, and is learning how to evangelize and share his faith. It is exciting to see. Having a man (or men) to leave behind in a work is essential to its longevity, and this is one of the biggest prayer requests for all church planting missionaries.

Thank the Lord, we now have two men in the Bible college preparing for ministry, which is more than a dream come true. Please pray for Marcos and Alfredo and their preparation and development.

Evangelism

We are continuing to share the gospel faithfully, and ask prayer for the following people who are involved in a Bible study/discipleship, or soon will be, Lord willing: Ana, Yatzel, Camilo and his dad, Gabriel.

We had 3 people saved on outreach this past month at a "broken heart" station we set up. (I say we, but it was all the church people, truth be told). We made a large, broken, heart out of poster board, and asked people to write on it things that had broken their heart, then shared how Jesús can give us all a new heart.

Church building

Long story short- our original lawyer was not willing to do the sale unless we obtained a personalidad jurídica (a Chilean 501c3 basically) so we are in the process of parting ways with her for another lawyer who can do the sale immediately. Please just keep this process in prayer as we are ready to buy and begin renovating the property. I could fill pages with more detail, but I won't. Please just pray.

We have the money for the building in hand, but now we need to remodel, because the house is not ready to be a church building yet. Several walls need to come down, support beams installed, and the fuse box relocated, as well as LOTS of paint- the main structure is violent fuchsia inside, for example. We need about 25,000 dollars for this project, so please pray for that process and the Lord's provision. We need another 6,000 dollars as a downpayment for the construction crew to start working, so that is a rather urgent need as well.

If you would like to give and help towards the construction costs, you can send an offering to:

Vision Baptist Missions P.O. Box 647 Dawsonville, GA 30534 Attn: Grace Building - Kyle Shreve
(Please make all checks payable to Vision Baptist Missions and include "Grace Building - Kyle Shreve" in the memo.)

Thank you so much for all you do!

In Christ,

Kyle Shreve
Kyle, Hannah, Isabella, Isaiah, Isla, Shreve

