

Hello everyone,

Greetings from Chile! We are definitely into springtime. There were a couple of unusually hot days, but now the temperature stays around the mid 70s and it's very pleasant. The area has the desert feel of Southern California. In fact, the hills outside of Santiago are identical to the hills beside highway I40 in the southwestern United States. The only difference I can see from my limited view is that in California we have many poisonous snakes, usually rattlers. They don't have snakes in Chile, at least not many very dangerous ones. Chile has burros! That's right, donkeys! Wild burros.



I have it on good authority that burro is the best-tasting steak available! I don't know this for sure but if I get a chance to try it... .

Attitudes about Missionary food. Years ago, Missionary Samuel Balca told me a joke about missionary food:

First term missionary: the missionary receives a bowl of food. He finds a fly in the food. He gives the bowl of food back to his host without eating.

Second term missionary: the missionary receives a bowl of food. He finds a fly in the food. He takes the fly out of the food and eats what is in the bowl.

Third term missionary: the missionary receives a bowl of food. He finds a fly in the food. He eats what is in the bowl, including the fly.

Fourth term missionary: the missionary receives a bowl of food. There are no flies in the food. The missionary actively catches flies to put in the food!

This is a joke, and is quite a bit of an exaggeration, but the truth is, on the field, we eat the food that is here. We actually learn to love the food that is here. There's always a little part of us that misses our food from home and we always enjoy eating it when we get to go back to visit, but God always introduces us to something wonderful here on the field!

Bible study is going well! GL is growing week by week as he receives the word of God. We are reading what Jesus said about the new birth and God is pulling GL into a closer relationship with him. He and his family are coming for dinner and we know God is about to do wonderful things in his life. He's looking to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and to grow in his relationship with God! Please keep him and his family in your prayers. God is doing some exciting things on the underside of the world!

J and T have survived the catastrophic Hurricane Helene and are back home. Thank you for your prayers, everyone. Our God is a great God! Please continue to pray that God opens their hearts and directs them into the love of God.

Concerning the club, Eagles for Jesus, at the University of Chile, I am taking a step back. The door is not opening, and I feel a disturbance in my spirit such that I believe that now is not the time. God's timing is always perfect and sometimes we have to wait on him. We continue to pursue other avenues of ministry. That door will open when God is ready for it to open.

Language lessons at the University are going well, but they're a little bit slow. ***Irregular past tense verbs are beating me about the ears!*** However, I am told that once I master them, the rest of Spanish is a breeze! This will require the deliverance of God! Seriously folks, language learning is going pretty well. I will have the summer free, since there are no language classes at the University through the summer. We end in December and we begin again in the fall semester, which for us is in March. We have been given another excellent language learning source for Spanish, and I believe it's going to really help Sister Ginger and me to become fluent faster.

During the month of October, we were greatly blessed to be able to visit our daughter and son-in-law in the United States for about 10 days. Sister Ginger had to go for business meetings and I got to go to visit everybody! We had a great time visiting and reconnecting with many friends. All too quickly it was over and we have returned to the field. Upon returning the strangest thing happened:





We both actually felt like we were coming home!

We have lived here for only eight months but we have embraced the city, the country, and the people as our own. We love to see God working in their lives and anticipate God doing much more while we are here! Thank you for being part of our ministry! To God be the glory!



Bill and Ginger