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Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow.” Ecclesiastes 4:9–10, KJV

Relationships have something inherently enduring about them. God created us to need other people. Marriage, family, church, friendships, and even our working relationships require us to learn how to walk alongside people who are different from us.

No relationship is immune to disagreement, disappointment, or misunderstanding. Often, a relationship’s strength isn’t measured by the absence of differences, but by how we work through them. Communication, humility, forgiveness, patience, and a willingness to stay engaged are key to growing in unity.

Our spiritual walk is the same. God often uses the people around us to expose areas where we need to grow and to teach us how to love, serve, forgive, and remain faithful. **We are seeing this very practically in our ministry right now.**

Pablo and Marisol have now been attending our church for about a year. They have been married for nineteen years and have a teenage son, Pablo Jr. Recently, both came to us asking for help with some concerns in their marriage and spiritual life. I have met individually with Pablo, who has been very open to talking with me. Please pray that these meetings can continue despite his demanding work schedule, and that the Lord will strengthen their marriage, family, and individual walks with Christ.

Macarena and Christopher have been working on premarital classes with Alicia and I on Friday evenings. We are talking about building a marriage: communication, expectations, finances, responsibilities, spiritual growth, and learning to function as partners in the life God is giving them. Please pray for them as they prepare not simply for a wedding day, but for a lifetime together.

Danielia came to the church during our absence after losing a close friend to suicide. *She accepted Christ on Father’s Day* and has been coming to church ever since. Her story reminds me how important it is to have people around us during some of life’s most difficult moments. Please pray for Danielia as she continues to grow in her new relationship with Christ and becomes established in the church.

We know ministry is about people. Sometimes growth happens through preaching. Sometimes it happens across a table, asking difficult questions, listening to someone, praying for them, and helping individuals work through life’s challenges according to God’s Word.



Taking the Gospel Outside

During the darkest and coldest part of our Patagonian winter, we continued our public evangelism a little differently. We set up a table outside the church doors with free Gospel tracts and hot chocolate. By keeping consistent hours during the work week, people began to recognize that we are here. People stopped and took Gospel material, and some even walked through the church doors to ask about our services and our free Conversational English classes. We have also welcomed **two new individuals, Susanna and Bernadita**, into our church. They have come to the English classes on Thursday and have also attended church services. We are thankful to see the Lord continuing to add people and build relationships within our church family.

Now the days are getting noticeably longer; the evening sunlight is returning, and more people are beginning to spend time outside. That gives us more opportunities to take the Gospel into the streets and public spaces of Punta Arenas. Whether we are preparing a young couple for marriage, sitting with a husband who needs someone to talk to, teaching an English class, handing someone a Gospel tract, or simply keeping the church doors open, the principle is the same: **We have to be present in people's lives.**

Relationships take work. Ministry takes work. Marriage takes work. Our walk with Christ requires that same work and faithfulness. We do not grow by continually withdrawing from God or people when things become difficult. We grow as we learn to walk with Christ and, through Him, learn how to walk with one another. Please pray that the Lord will give us wisdom as we invest in the marriages, families, and relationships He has placed around us, and that through those relationships, people will be drawn closer to Jesus Christ.

Thank you for faithfully praying for us and for the ministry here at the end of the world.

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