



To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away. Ecclesiastes 3:1,6.

Dear Friends and Churches, In ministry, we often walk through both seasons of loss and seasons of renewal. Though times of sorrow remind us of what is past, God always brings fresh hope. Just as the winter frost melts and new plants burst forth, we are encouraged by the signs of spiritual growth around us. These glimpses of God's faithfulness fill us with gratitude and anticipation for what He will continue to do here.

This past season has been full of both challenges and blessings. We were grateful to welcome Kyle and Annie, along with their children, as they stopped by on their way to another meeting. The Sheridan family also arrived in Punta Arenas, continuing their long journey into Tierra del Fuego, Argentina—a vast, open land populated mostly by sheep and cattle ranches. Encounters like these remind us how remote this part of the world truly is, and how much the gospel is needed here.

Upon returning from our son's wedding, we faced a difficult moment when one family left our church feeling hurt. We are praying earnestly for reconciliation and hope to see them return. At the same time, God has encouraged us through others. Fredy and Italia have committed to regularly attending services. Fredy has a cheerful spirit and a gift for playing the guitar, has been a true blessing to our worship services, and Italia's warm and genuine personality has been such an encouragement to our church family and to my wife.

We are blessed by the arrival of a new family—Pablo, Mirasol, and their two sons, Diego and Pablo Jr. After the service, Mirasol shared how refreshing it was to hear God's Word preached directly from the Bible, finally, something she said had been missing in many local churches. Please continue to pray for them as they grow in faith, along with all the members of Iglesia Bautista Biblica Independiente (IBBI).

In July, another missionary family, the Fahringers, arrived from the United States. They desire to plant a new church here in town, which is much needed since many people cannot afford cars and must rely on neighborhood churches within walking distance. These first two years will be crucial as they adjust to language learning, culture, and everyday life in Chile. We are doing our best to encourage and support them as they settle into Magallanes and begin their ministry for the advancement of the gospel of our Lord and Savior.

Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support. Each gift and prayer enable us to serve here faithfully, ministering to the people of southern Chile. Together, we are planting seeds of the gospel, trusting God for a great harvest. *With gratitude and love in Christ,* Derek and Alicia Hansen

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