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HANSENS IN CHILE



Greeting to the churches and the saints; thank you for your prayers and financial partnership that has made missions possible. We know that God indeed is unchangeable in his promises and oath toward us; we continue in the work He has given us and rest in the security of his coming, waiting and looking for the appearance of our great God and Saviour.

December 22, 2022, marked the start of the fire season in an old-growth forest near Vina Del Mar, Valparaiso Region of Chile. As the battle to contain the city's fire, another 260 independent fires started in the regions to the south. At the writing of this letter, 77 fires are still being fought in the south-central part of the country. Chile has been actively suppressing fires, with resources from Latin America, Spain, and the United States aiding the efforts.

Our Magellan region is experiencing a cooler summer that has been windy, rainy, and below temperatures. The port is busy with cruise ships full of English-speaking people from around the globe. After visiting with friends in November, my wife put our church on local Google maps, piquing the community's interest. We had Teresa and Francesco come to see the church for a few Sundays. Teresa is older and needs help getting out to attend the services. Raymundo and Veronica left their Pentecostal church because the pastor quit preaching the gospel and started attending our Sunday services.

Benjamin found a job that takes him out of town every other week, and we have lost him as our song leader twice a month. He is not working in the institute, and we miss having him around during the week. Atilio has not returned to the church and is struggling with health issues. We talked with his mother, and Laura said that Atilio was waiting to see a doctor. Atilio and I still communicate. He struggles with guilt from being out of the church and is uncertain about God's promises due to his mental health.

We started English classes at the end of February due to the interest of those who want to learn English. Diego has come faithfully to every class, and we gave him gospel tracts in English and Spanish and are praying he will accept Christ as his savior. As Punta Arenas prepares for a new school season in March, we hope to see more people return from vacation and be added to the church and English classes.

Since arriving in Punta Arenas, we have maintained good relationships with the people we have met. Christian works for CONAF as a firefighter, and I had witnessed to him before the pandemic. His heart is hardened to the gospel due to the doctrinal problems in the churches here, but recently he asked us to pray for his grandmother. Her cancer is terminal. I have offered a personal visit; we are still awaiting a response.

We remain faithful in the work given to us, being assured of God's hope and promises that keep us from becoming lazy; we continue to distribute gospel tracts through the neighborhoods, hoping that there are people who want the truth of salvation. Christ promised us an eternal home, and knowing our hope of heaven stands secure and anchored in God, we continue to hold on till the trumpet blasts. Until then, will you continue to pray that souls will be saved, anchored, and immovable in his promise of eternal life.

Thank You! sincerely, Derek and Alicia Hansen

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