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“For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now;” Philippians 1:5 KJV

Dear friends, Not every season of ministry feels new and exciting. Some months feel like you are doing the same things over and over. There are moments when you wonder if anything is really taking hold. March and April have been those kinds of months for us...but in a good way. We finished our bible conference in the first week of March, with visitors from southern Chile, Ushuaia (Argentina), and the United States. It was a full week, and our people were genuinely encouraged. But as always, what matters most is not what happens during the meeting, but what remains afterward. In the weeks since the conference, we have started to see something settle. There is a growing steadiness in the church. One of the men has stepped forward to lead the music, and a young couple recently announced their wedding date. Those are simple things, but they point to something deeper. People are beginning to root themselves here, not just attend. There has also been a noticeable shift in how people are engaging; less observing, more participating.

We added a Wednesday-night prayer and Bible service. It gives me another opportunity to open the Scriptures and pray together in a more focused way. Along with that, we are seeing our people sharing the Gospel with family, friends, and coworkers. We have had a few people attending from the invites; it is encouraging. One unexpected encouragement this year has been our English class. In the past, people would come for a while and disappear. This year, they are staying. The same faces are coming back week after week, and that consistency is opening doors for new relationships that go beyond the classroom. One new addition to the class is Erica. She has also attended our church services a couple of times. We are hoping she will continue attending church services.

The Lord also brought the Ross family from Atlanta, who visited us on their wedding anniversary, and a young man from Indonesia, both of whom we found encouraging. A church in Ohio flew me back for their Missions conference. Those moments matter more than we can probably say; they remind us we are not doing missions alone. If we are honest, this is not a season of big change. It is a season of strengthening a church plant, which may be one of the most important kinds of growth, the seeds that remain.

Lastly, one moment that stayed with us came directly from the conference outreach. A man named Fernando contacted us after receiving a tract at his door. He and his mother were walking through deep grief after the suicide of their son and brother. Mauricio and I sat down with them and talked for nearly two hours about life, death, and eternity. By the end of that conversation, both prayed and called upon the Lord. Thank you for continuing to pray for us. Please pray that what is beginning to take root would continue, that the Wednesday service would continue, and that those coming to English class would encourage others to come to understand the Gospel. We are grateful to you more than we can express. In Christ, Derek & Alicia Hansen.

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