

JULY AND AUGUST 2022

HANSEN'S IN CHILE

BIMONTHLY LETTER



PRAYER REQUESTS:

- *ATILIO & BENJAMIN GROWTH*
- *BUILDING REMODEL*
- *JOSE RETURNED TO PUNTA ARENAS. WE ARE EXCITED TO HAVE HIM PRESENT DURING OUR CHURCH SERVICES*

ANSWER TO PRAYERS:

- *WE OBTAINED OUR PERMANENT VISAS*

President Gabriel Boric; is the head of a left-wing coalition that includes Chile's Communist Party. He adopted the revolutionary slogan: "If Chile was the cradle of neoliberalism, it will also be its grave." He had declared that his government would be feminist, a first for Latin America, predominately female; fourteen out of twenty-four ministers would be women, including the secretaries of defense and the interior. Two ministers were openly gay. Many of Boric's officials are young leftists like himself.

In October 2019, everything burst in Chile. A high-school student took to the streets, protesting a government-mandated subway-fare hike, symbolizing deeper frustrations. As one slogan put it, "It's not the thirty pesos, it's the thirty years of indifference." The protests grew into mass demonstrations as a million Chilenos marched, demanding change of every kind. At times, it became a cleansing of oppression and a purging of inequality, known as the *estallido social* or social explosion that created the New Constitution of the Republic of Chile, which will be voted on September 4th, 2022.

"GO TO NOW, YE THAT SAY, TODAY OR TOMORROW WE WILL GO INTO SUCH A CITY, AND CONTINUE THERE A YEAR, AND BUY AND SELL, AND GET GAIN:

In the Magallanes region, one hundred and seventy thousand residents live amid a vast Alaska-like wilderness, and three-quarters live in Punta Arenas, a wind-blown town with a frontier spirit. Patagonians are independent-minded; their livelihoods are sheep ranching, fishing, tourism, and the oil industry. People come to this region from many different areas in Latin America because of the economic growth.

The Spiritual condition in Punta Arenas stews in Catholicism that has become the end road for the Mormon and Jehovah's Witness; both groups send relentless missionaries house-to-house for evangelism. After returning from the USA, I employed Benjamin and Atilio in our house-to-house evangelism. I have told them, 'people here think I'm a Mormon.' So, Atilio found it funny when he was mistaken for a Jehovah's Witness. Despite the mistake, these two young men have been encouraged. They have been excited about getting the tracts out to their community. Also, we distributed an additional 3,000 tracts during one night at the Winter Carnival last month.



**WHEREAS YE KNOW NOT WHAT SHALL BE ON THE MORROW. FOR WHAT IS YOUR LIFE? IT IS EVEN A VAPOUR, THAT APPEARETH FOR A LITTLE TIME, AND THEN VANISHETH AWAY."
JAMES 4:13-14**

Our ministry had an open door to secure a small building adjacent to our home for mid-week and Sunday services. At the same time, we are planning for our outreach ministries and future events. We have confirmed with the owner the use of the building for the next five years as we pay the rent. The facility needs repairs. Our church has committed to pay a substantial amount of the construction cost and three other churches, plus a married couple. We have met our financial goal to fix a badly damaged bathroom and install a new roof, weather-insulated windows, drywall, paint, and flooring. I have a reliable contractor who has started and says he can have the work completed in one month.

For those who gave so quickly, Thank You! Because of your generosity, this project was less burdensome for us moving forward in our ministry, which is very encouraging for Lisa and me.