



Our first two years in Chile went well. We can now say that, while we have to adapt to certain things, it does feel like home to us.

Daniel from English classes brought five of his family members to church and they've come back.

Prayer Requests

When we return in May, we'll begin looking for a property for Joy Baptist Church. Please pray that we find the right place in the community where God wants us.

Our visa situation is still pending. It should be resolved within six months or so.

The goal of our first two years in Chile was to learn the language thoroughly (I spoke a decent level of Spanish before going, but Leslie only spoke a little bit) and to learn to live and work among the culture. We've been blessed to work alongside the Holts in Liberty Baptist Church, and it's been a fantastic experience for us. We've learned so much over the past two years. We both speak Spanish fluently and, while we are still adjusting to certain aspects of Chilean culture in various ways, I can honestly say we love living in Chile and



feel comfortable with it as our home. Now we're excited to be looking toward the future.

We were scheduled to take a brief furlough for a few months this year, but we came back in December to surprise our families for Christmas. We'll be returning to Chile in May, Lord willing. We plan when we go back to Chile to find a property to rent in Santiago and start our first church, Joy Baptist Church. There are a few communities we're specifically looking at that are in need of a church, so we're praying the right door will open up where God wants us. We're also praying that He will begin preparing hearts to hear the gospel when we return. There is so much that goes into planting a new church, and we're planning even now for that day later this year. There's also a Chilean couple going with us to help us, and I'll mention more about them in a future letter.

I was excited last month to receive a message from one of the men who came to our English class at the end of last year. He wanted to let me know he was bringing his family to church in the morning, and he did! From what I hear, they've come back and are very interested in the church. God is still working in Chile.

Thank you all for your prayers and support. We couldn't do what we do without you. God bless you!

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