It seems as though so much has happened in such a short time! First off, Family Camp in the South of Chile was wonderful. The Lord blessed the efforts that many had made and the camp came off without a hitch. In 8 days I preached a total of 15 times, and Sandra taught 4 times. We all enjoyed ourselves tremendously! Even after camp was over the blessings didn't stop. An adult daughter of a lady at camp got saved in church the next Sunday. It’s wonderful to see the Lord answer prayer!

While camp was wonderful, it wasn’t without its difficulties. Just as we left on our trip the kids started coughing. As their coughs worsened, we learned that it was Whooping Cough. We tried everything we could think of to help them, but nothing worked. Each morning the campers would come to us and ask how the kids were doing because they heard coughing at 15-minute intervals through the entire night. Finally, 3 months later they are over it!

Camp was 3000 kilometers away from where we live and this year we drove the whole way (80 hours round trip). The blessing in this is that our van that we purchased a few months ago made it all 6000 km without any serious issues. Praise the Lord!!! That van has been such a blessing to our ministry and life here. For example, we live about 1.5 miles up valley and we pick up people walking to town almost daily. They are always so surprised and thankful that we picked them up, and that we don’t charge them for the ride. We have won many people to the Lord while taking them into town. The “taxi-van” ministry works great here! 2 of the families that regularly attend our church were saved in the van.

The church is also going great. Since we returned from camp, there have been more services with visitors than without! Families who have been coming for the past year are becoming notably more faithful and bringing their friends and family. Sometimes they arrange meetings with prospects so that I can witness to them. One family told me how one of the members of his family had begun to come to them with questions about God and the Bible. When he told me this I asked him, “So, why do you think that she came to you about this?” He hadn’t considered the question before. “It’s because you are now the closest thing to God that she knows.” That idea astounded him and his wife! It was notable evidence in their spiritual growth. Hopefully she will get saved soon.

Soulwinning is our passion. It is the reason we are here in the first place. So, any opportunity we get we try to take advantage of. On such place is the American Corner in the local university. The university as a whole was undergoing a renovation, and because of that the American Corner was closed for the entire summer, but just a week ago it re-opened. Each day there the Lord has brought us between 8 to 12 people who we get to witness to openly and directly. No one saved yet for this group, but our hopes are very high for their salvation within the next few classes. Please continue to pray.

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