

BODLIEN HEADLINES

Bottom-line up-front: On March 7th, we will be leaving Chile. This has been an extremely hard decision for us, and we have spent a lot of time in prayer and seeking counsel. We have grown a lot during our time in Chile, made some amazing friends, seen the Lord work in the ministry here and seen many people saved; however, there have been some down-sides to life here and difficulties where we have had to consider the toll they take on us as a family and as a couple. Therefore, we have decided to pull out for the health of our family.



At this time, we are going to be moving back to Ohio where Joanna's family is. We have asked for a few months of sabbatical to get settled into living back in the US, finish out the girls school year, seek some debrief counseling, and from there we will reevaluate where/what we will do. Hopefully by May or early June we will know our next steps. We would appreciate your prayers as we seek the Lord for the next steps in our lives.

To be honest, our move to Chile was a huge transition, but this move back seems like it will be even harder because of all the unknowns. What we do know is that this is what is best for our family, and we know that the Lord, who has been with us this far, will continue to guide us as we seek to serve Him.

Please feel free to ask us any questions you may have, and we will answer them to the best of our ability. We want to be honest and transparent with you, knowing also that we wouldn't be here if it weren't for your faithful support and prayers during these last five years. We appreciate your continued partnership during our sabbatical over the next few months. We are looking at options of both a reassignment within WOL or perhaps a new ministry altogether. Thank you for your patience with us while we find the Lord's direction for us this spring.

Our biggest desire is to live out the call of God on our lives through using our gifts for Him in a strategic way for His Kingdom. Please pray that this will be true of our next steps.

Thank you again for your friendship and for walking thru this next phase with us.

As always, reach out to us with any questions you have! markbodlien@wol.org



Summer Camp 2022

After not having a summer camp season in 2021, we were finally able to pull off summer camp. Just as the summer started the country's covid cases started rising and Chile backed up to a stricter level of lockdown and we had to run camp at half capacity. Half capacity campers and half capacity staff! But God was good and still worked in the lives of many campers. We had a few different days of children's festivals, 4 weeks of teen camp and a brand new week of family camp. **In all, we saw 776 guests and 112 decisions for Christ!**

We will miss things like this and the blessings and positives of being involved in this ministry. We are confident that God will use this experience in an amazing way in our next steps for His good.



Prayer Requests:

- **Relationships-** We have made some incredible friendships these past few years. Please pray for us and the girls to leave well and maintain these relationships.
- **Iglesia Bautista Misionera-** We have built a special friendship with Pastor Pato and his family and his church. Please pray that Word of Life Chile can continue to help in evangelistic outreach in their neighborhood.
- **Kids-** Pray for our kids as they say goodbye to some special friendships that they have made, and look to build new friendships in our next chapter.
- **As parents-** Please pray that we can shepherd the girls well through this transition.
- **Next Steps-** This spring we will be praying and seeking the Lord direction for our family's future ministry, be it with WOL or otherwise. Please pray for clarity and that we can find a place to use our gifts in a strategic way for His glory and kingdom.