

BODLIEN HEADLINES

Back in-country



What a whirlwind! We arrived back in Chile on October 8th after a few weeks of uncertainty. Leading up to our trip the requirements for coming into Chile changed and we weren't sure if our visas would allow us to get back into the country. After speaking to many people, including an immigration lawyer, we were finally able to get some answers on what we needed to do to be able to enter the country legally. Because of Covid, as well as the amount of foreigners who have arrived in Chile over the past few years, all of the immigration offices

have been extremely backed up. A process that used to take 6 months is now taking over 2 years to complete. We continue to wait for our resident visas to be approved.

After arriving in Chile we had a mandatory 7 day quarantine which gave us time to unpack, organize and start our school year back up! It has been great to be back in a routine for school. Interesting fact: The Chilean health department actually came to our home every day of our quarantine to make sure all 6 of us were in the house.

Camp in January is going to look a little bit different than it normally does. Chile has a 5 Phase reopening program, we are currently in phase 3 which only allows up to 100 people on our property. Would you pray with us that we move to phase 4 in the next few weeks so that we are able to have camp on our property in January? If we move into phase 4 we will be allowed to have up to 250 people here at the camp!

We have had to be creative this year in how we do camp. Because of the restrictions in place we were told we would not be able to use our camp cabins for housing, so we are trying something new this year and each camper will have their own tent! We have already purchased 150 tents and are looking at getting another 50 before camp starts.



Another new thing we are doing this summer is Family Camp! We have room for about 30 families and are praying that this will be a time for families to grow closer to God and closer to each other!

Prayer needed! Some of you may have heard that Joanna's sister-in-law passed away early November. Would you join us in praying for their 3 kids, Lena, Lincoln and Logan (ages 10-12), as they adjust to the new normal. It has been hard being so far away, but we are thankful for technology that allows us to keep in touch across the continents.

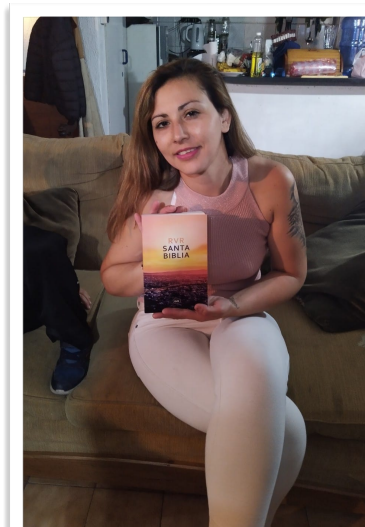
As always, reach out to us with any questions you have! markbodlien@wol.org

>>New Life, New Bible

In 2003, I (Mark) went on a missions trip with Emmanuel Baptist Church (Toledo) to Santiago to help construct a new church building for an ABWE church plant there. Little did I know that someday I would be a missionary in Santiago as well. We have been able to contact this church and rekindle a relationship between EBC (Toledo) and IBMF (Santiago). This church in Santiago had asked me to help them find some Bibles that they can use in evangelistic outreach, EBC answered the call and sent Bibles with us when we traveled back to Santiago last month. We have delivered them to the church and they have already started putting them to use.

Pastor Patricio (IBMF) reports: *"I want to tell you that we have already given away the first Bible to a young woman named Tiare, she is 32 years old. She has been very sick without the strength to get up and without a medical diagnosis. God guided us to her home and we shared the message of the Gospel. She accepted Christ in her life and we prayed for her health. God worked that same day and after a few days we returned to give her a Bible from our brothers in Toledo."*

In the new year, Word of Life Chile will be helping them further reach their neighborhood with the gospel and support this church however we can.



Prayer Requests:

- **Pandemic-** The restrictions are backtracking across the country as the case numbers rise. Please pray for continued progress so that we can host the maximum number of campers.
- **Constitution-** We have shared with many how Chile is re-writing their national constitution. Please pray that religious liberties are not reduced, but expanded.
- **Family-** Pray for our nephews and niece as they navigate life now without their mom. Pray for their dad, Caleb as he begins life as a single parent.
- **Far from home-** The holiday season can be difficult being so far from our families. With travel being difficult, no one is able to visit us they year. Pray we can make it special still for the girls.
- **New church connections-** God has opened the door for us to connect with a number of new churches in Chile. It is our goal to be the best friend to the local church. Pray that we can find ways to help in evangelism and discipleship.