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Merry Christmas!

At Hope Inspire Love, our mission is guided by two principles:
Being Kingdom-Minded & Purpose-Driven.

As Sally and I are guided by our Lord, we carry the passion to seek and save those who are lost. We are a catalyst to help change the world, and give hope to those who are without Christ. We know, even though they are lost, they are precious in the sight of the Lord. We want them to know that God loves them, and that they understand that God sent His Son to die for them. This is only possible as we step out, and take action.

Today there is light in the darkness as we move forward in the power and authority of the Holy Spirit.

Thank you for your support, and your commitment to allow us to spread the Good News. Thank you for praying, partnering, and joining us to set the captives free.

We are bringing hope to the hopeless. We are standing in the gap as your representatives. Your prayers are greatly appreciated for all the work we do including educational Bible teachings, Christian television programming, reaching out to Chiles' leadership with the love of Christ, working with our new planted home church, blessing the homeless and destitute, and sharing the Good News in rest homes.

We also pursue the continued call from our parent mission organization to help the oppressed and be a voice for the voiceless. You help us provide

second chances at life through your continued prayers and financial support.

Thank you for making a difference by allowing us to be world-changers.

There are not enough words to describe how amazed and grateful we are for your dedication, compassion, and generosity, which allows us to work with Hope Inspire Love in Chile.

Some have been partnering with our team for more than forty-five years. Thank you for your love. May the Lord bless you this Christmas season, which celebrates the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are continuously reminded that Jesus is the reason for the season.

Merry Christmas to you and your family, and may you have a wonderful New Year.

His Servants,

Jim & Sally

She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.

Matthew 1:21 (NIV)



The Protection by our Heavenly Father

The Jesus March in Chile was a complete success with over 50,000 Christians participating in this country-wide event. As in other years, believers peacefully marched and gathered in four different sections of the city of Santiago. From there, each of these four large groups marched to the center of the city. A large gathering took place at an enormous stage to listen to speakers and music.

Sally and I were planning on participating this year again. When the day of the march came, some last minute changes in our schedule prevented us from attending.

Instead of a peaceful journey, the group that we would have been with at the march was assaulted by a group of over 150 anarchists. They threw an onslaught of rocks, bottles, and Molotov bombs (bottles filled with kerosene that are lit) at the peaceful marchers. Not even police officers were spared from the attack. At the end of the day, countless marchers had been battered and hurt, though no life threatening injuries occurred. We were glad that God had protected Sally and I from not attending that day because we too could have been seriously hurt by the attacks.

Thank you Lord for our protection!





God Heals the Afflicted

Veronica has been a believer for several years. As a Christian, she had been attending our church. She always had a happy face full of joy and her personality was very outgoing. A few weeks ago, something unexplainable happened to her. She felt a shock in her head, and she sensed being engulfed by an outside body surrounding her body. She recognized that whatever was engulfing her body was making her feel like a monster. She started to hit herself against the walls and throwing things around the room. Her mind was filled with negative ideas, and she felt a deep oppression on her chest. She felt panic, terror, anxiousness, and her heart began to beat rapidly.

Over the next couple of days, she was having trouble sleeping and started to fear people. This extreme feeling of despair was attacking her full body. She started to get feelings of committing suicide, and she was crying most of the time. Doctors and a psychiatrist could not figure out what was happening to her. Veronica cried out to the Lord, and said, "You know how active I have been in your church. I don't understand what is happening to me." She was engulfed with depression and she had no desire to do anything, not even going to church.

On Sunday November 4, one of Veronica's friends said, "Let's go to our church that meets in Jim's home." Veronica really didn't want to go but but reluctantly said she would. She entered into the home church, and Veronica just sat there, weeping softly just as she had been doing for the past two weeks. At the end of the message, a call was given for all those who felt sick to come forward for prayer.

She went forward to receive prayer, was anointed with oil, and prayed over by everyone in the room. She didn't feel any different after the service, but the next day when she woke up, she was back to normal as she had never had any problems. At that point she knelt down and started to praise the Lord. The Lord had changed her and taken her affliction away. Veronica shared these words with us: "Thank you Lord, thank you for my church, thank you for your servants who serve in this small group."

It was such a blessing to see how the Lord works in amazing ways and heals and sets free the afflicted.

Set me free from my prison [an overwhelmed spirit], that I may praise your name. Then the righteous will gather about me because of your goodness to me. Psalm 142:7 (NIV)



We met Daniel Anabalón, the new Chaplain for the office of Chile's President. Daniel welcomed us with arms wide open and excited to begin supporting the services and programs for the President.



Sally spoke at a women's group about her personal earthquakes in life. Many of the women in attendance were very touched with what she shared.



An Impromptu Visit

Over the years we have had numerous volunteers and interns come through our ministry. During those seasons, they brought their talents, skillsets, and servant hearts to help us with the day-to-day work in Chile. A couple of weeks ago, Luis Adasme stopped by our house to visit. Luis was one of our volunteers who helped us out about ten years ago. Although he joined our ministry to help us, we ultimately helped him learn how to use technology and broadcasting in his pursuit of a career. We were able to train him in a field that ultimately became his own ministry.

While a volunteer, Luis learned a lot about television and designing television programs. He was able to put that knowledge and education to practice as he endeavored to follow God's calling in this field. Luis shared with us how he is now producing a Christian television program and that surprisingly, he is also working with other friends who also came through our volunteer and intern program. We were excited to hear how God was working through his life and with all the outreach he is accomplishing to help reach the world for Christ.

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE

God is so good and faithful and continues to amaze us as He answers prayer. As you know, we have been praying for a new video editing system that will allow us to put our 35 years of video teaching on YouTube. We continue to receive funds for this project, and **we ask you to prayerfully consider giving an end of the year gift** towards the remaining amount. We hope we may purchase and send the equipment from the USA to Chile as soon as possible.

We want to thank all of those who have given towards this wonderful opportunity and we are grateful for your abundant generosity as we continue to make disciples in the nations.

If you are interested in helping us meet this need, please email us at Jim@Thurston.Cl



Food is a big highlight in Chile. Gathering around a barbecue is a natural way for us to reach out to our non-Christian friends such as Manuel, his wife, and Miguel Angel. Building community and friendships is a critical aspect of our ministry that allows us to build transformational opportunities for individuals to feel safe, comfortable, and ready to share healthy life with others.