# CHILE AND BEYOND

The Stotts-Godoy Family serving Latin America April 2013



## Dear Friend,

May the celebration of Easter continue in our hearts and lives! Our Lord Jesus is living and moving. We see and experience that on a daily basis as we partner with you in Chile and beyond. Thank you for praying, supporting, encouraging. Here's a glimpse of some great things happening in, to and through us — your missionaries to Latin America . .

# **Learning to Trust**

Sofía attended a Vacation Bible School last month. With the theme "Sky" – focused on trusting God through songs, games, memorized verses, video clips and in Bible stories while making fun crafts.



The teaching began to sink in, as the Lord spoke to our little 3 1/2 year old in amazing ways.

At our neighborhood playground, Sofía quickly climbed to the top of a large jungle gym. I called up to her: "How did you do THAT?!" The big smile and confident reply still rings in my ears:

"Just trustin' God, Mom, just trustin' God."

## A Dream -Ten Years In the Making!

The Central Valdivia Free Methodist Church (10 hours south of Santiago) has been praying for *10 years* that a VISA team would come alongside as they work toward building their own facility.



In February, *that dream came true!*Pastor Francisco and local church members happily welcomed 7 people from Anderson Wesley IN, Tuba City, AZ and Philadelphia, PA who came to help with all things construction, medical and spiritual.

The Lord richly blessed the partnership of two different cultures and languages as they became one in spirit. It was beautiful to see relationships formed and mutual encouragement given.

Thank you: Mission Possible Team and Anderson Wesley FM, for going above and beyond in showing love, being flexible and helping achieve big goals for Valdivia!

## **Our Toothless Wonder**

Thank you for all the prayers for our 2 year old, Benjamin. A tricycle accident left him with a complicated vertical crack in his front tooth. While no one likes to have a tooth pulled, it ended up being harder on Mom and Dad who had the big job of holding the little guy down.



We thank God as so far his alignment is unaffected and are praying his speech won't be changed as we wait a few years for a permanent tooth to appear.

Considering Ben's adventurous spirit, we have since taken out accident insurance and are in the process of buying a bike helmet!

# Happy Birthday, Comunidad Vida!

Our church plant, Community Life FM in Santiago, celebrated 7 years of ministry on March 10th.

What a celebration! Over 100 people (including several pastors, guest musicians and our newly elected Chilean superintendent: Patricio Alvial) gathered to rejoice in what God has



done and will do in the lives of individuals/ families in the community.



Can you imagine hearing prayer in 7 languages?

What a representation of the little bit of Heaven we enjoy on a regular basis. Praise the Lord for answering prayer in very unexpected ways to head towards buying our own property in the

capital.

More details to come...

# **Special Financial Update - We Need Your Help!**

It is our responsibility, with the Lord's help, to have at least 75% of our annual budget "committed" by April 1. Many of you are already giving, but have not registered your commitment.

There are 3 very simple and easy ways to give. A simple click, phonecall or email is all that is missing! Even if you cannot give now, but are planning on giving later in the year: your future commitment can count towards meeting our goal.

# We are only 18% away!

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Call Pam Sheads at 1-800-342-5531, ext. 236. She will register your commitment for you, or e-mail her at

Pam.Sheads@fmcusa.org or me at

<u>kstotts510@gmail.com</u> with your name, address and pledge amount. **Option 3:** Go to this <u>website</u>

We are sincerely grateful to those of you who are giving so sacrificially and consistently to support this ministry. If you have any trouble doing so, do not hesitate to call Pam Sheads (800–342–5531)

## **Donate Today!**

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## Coming in May...

Updates on Kay´s several trips south to check in on our International ChildCare Ministries sites in Chile and meetings with the ICCM National Committee.

#### Calling All Prayer Warriors...

For safe travel, wisdom in supervision of local programs and vision casting with local leaders. Kay will be in Quito, Ecuador April 29-May 6.

Thank you for your prayerful and financial support to our ministry!

Yours for Chile and beyond, Leo, Kay, Sofía and Benjamin

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