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News from the Stotts Godoy Family in Latin America

Dear Friends,

Meet Marcela



Marcela is an accomplished young woman that one might automatically assume came from a very privileged upbringing. Nothing could be further from the truth! I can't adequately describe my shock and surprise to learn of her most humble and nearly devastating beginning in life.

At 3 years old, Marcela was home alone watching *16 hours of TV a day* while her single mom worked long hours as a cook to provide for 4 children. While her older siblings attended school, her younger sister *hid in a closet* at their mother's work place because there was no money for childcare. They were very, very poor. Food was scarce. Shoes were worn out. And there was no hope of things getting any better.

And then one day life changed. A neighbor noticed the family's plight. That neighbor was María, the National Coordinator of ICCM in Chile. María invited Marcela and her 3 siblings to ICCM's children's club on Saturdays. Marcela loved it! There was warm breakfast and lunch provided plus singing, Bible stories, games, and later homework assistance and encouragement to help her educationally.

The focused attention from caring adults was really what made the biggest impact. "We felt so loved there," recalls Marcela. Her mother went to an ICCM parents' meeting and was given a Bible. *It was the first Bible the family ever had a Bible* and the first time they heard about Jesus. Participating in all that the Free Methodist church and ICCM offered, Marcela exclaimed, "We found a new family. God's family!" At the age of 12, Marcela accepted Jesus as her Savior and Lord.

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Traveling to

Argentina Sept. 19-26 with Dr. Linda Adams to oversee our ICCM program.

Many couples in our Santiago church plant are renewing their marriage vows and seeking to strengthen their marriages and family units.

Today Marcela has blossomed into a responsible adult and works as a college professor! She trains English teachers and has plans to earn a doctorate degree in the near future. She enjoys singing on the worship team, translating for VISA teams, and teaching children. Marcela rejoices in serving God in her work and neighborhood, trying to give back a little of the love she received as a child from the program that made all the difference in her life: **ICCM**.



Family News



Sofía loves preschool! She is all about letters, numbers and art projects and can even sing the Chilean national anthem. Mom has some catching up to do!

Ben turns 4 in October. He loves soccer to his father's delight.



Leo's knee is doing very well. Thank you for your prayers. He is not back out on the soccer field, but is painfree and even able to run a bit.

My recent X-ray reveals that all is well with my neck and back since surgery last winter. I am very thankful for the ability to move and live pain free. This would not be possible without your prayers!

We Need You!

As Regional Coordinator for ICCM in Latin America, I have the privilege of working closely with the Marías and as often as possible with currently sponsored children. This ministry along with church planting in Santiago and encouraging children's workers makes it possible to reach out with God's love on a daily basis. We are working around the clock to fuel and sustain an apostolic movement to reach Latin Americans for

Christ by:

- Empowering and coaching national leaders to multiply disciples, groups, leaders and churches
- Catalyzing initiatives and partnerships to plant clusters of churches in strategic cities
- Creating appropriate structures and sustainable systems to encourage and support the exponential growth of the Church.

You are a very important part of this team! It is your generous support and faithful prayers that make it possible to share the Good News of Jesus in Chile and beyond.

We are thankful for you!
Kay Stotts Godoy and Family
