Dear pastors and praying friends,

Salvation

You may remember us asking for prayer for a lady named Ana who needed to be saved. Hannah was studying the Bible with her, but Ana had never heard of salvation by grace through faith before, and though she mentally understood the concept, she still had some doubt. After attending the church for several weeks and having Bible studies (with Hannah and then with her brother and sister-in-law, who attend the church as well), Ana trusted Christ. We have been praying for her for a little while, so thank you for helping us pray!

Keep praying for Gabriel—a man whose wife and children attend our church and were recently saved. He's in the same boat Ana was in (grew up Catholic with a strong dependence on works for salvation and shocked by salvation by grace through faith), but we are slowly seeing some progress. I'm meeting with them to study the Bible every other Friday.

Preaching

Alfredo preached his first full message. We worked together to create an outline, and then he practiced it over and over until it was time to preach it. I was very proud of his work and effort. It was better than my first full sermon (for some reason, 15-year-old me thought it would be good to teach on marriage from Ecclesiastes).

Missions Conference

We had our missions conference in October and had four wonderful services about missions. God worked in people's hearts, and our faith promise came in at about $375 a month (350,000 Chilean pesos)! This enabled us to take on another missionary and give a raise to those missionaries we support. We now support four missionaries at $50 a month and have room to take on some more in the future. We had a record attendance of 66 people on Sunday morning of the conference as well!

Outreach efforts

As a missionary, there are times when you are just culturally wrong about something. One of those moments was during outreach in October. Long story short, someone had suggested having a large banner printed and standing at the red light by the church with it. That would give us nearly two minutes to hold a banner in front of the stopped cars while other people went and handed out tracts to them. I thought this idea was not great and had not pursued it at all. Thankfully, we bought a banner anyway, and, of course, it turned out to be a wonderful idea, and we handed out nearly 500 tracts in just over an hour. Several people got involved for the first time, and we all had a blast. We are looking forward to doing it again soon.

Prayer requests

In November, I will have the opportunity to visit Argentina to preach at a men's conference for several days. Please pray for safe travel, the preaching, and the church while I am gone. I will miss a Sunday, so Marcos and Alfredo will handle the preaching, and the church will have to run without me for a few services. This is a big step for the church but a necessary one.

We also plan to have a family conference in November, so please pray for that and for God to strengthen the families in the church during this time.

I am writing this at 7:31 a.m. on October 23. We still do not have the keys to our building, but we are getting close. They must give us the keys by the 28th, so I imagine it's getting closer each day. Still, please keep praying for this, and then for God to provide the funds for the construction work. If you feel God would have you help with that, we would be very appreciative.

Yours in Christ,

Kyle, Hannah, Isabella, Isaiah, and Isla Shreve

