

The Saints

SHARING THE LOVE OF GOD IN CHILE

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Dear Prayer Partners,

As 2020 ends and 2021 begins, we praise the Lord for His goodness. COVID-19 certainly threw a wrench into our plans but not the Lord's. We give Him all the glory for the growth we've seen in different individuals and in the group that He has allowed us to gather here in San Pedro de la Paz. Please continue to pray for spiritual fruit that would abound.

We have now been able to hold in-person services every Friday evening for the past two months or so. Our attendance has fluctuated from just a few people coming to almost reaching our maximum legal capacity of twenty people. If everyone would come to the same service, we'd easily exceed 30 people. When that day comes, we'll move the children inside or to the front yard so as to do our best to continue to follow the law. We continue to see all of our families actively involved and engaged with the online preaching on Sunday. We had a curfew of 8:00 each night, which made in-home Bible studies nearly impossible, but that curfew has just been pushed back to 10:00, so we are hoping to resume some of those Bible studies.

Several of our church families have been or still are battling sickness. I'll not burden you with the details, but simply ask that you pray for God to work in the midst of the sickness and that His children wouldn't let physical weakness produce spiritual weakness as well. Pray also for us to know how to minister to each family and individual as they face their challenges.

We faced some health challenges of our own recently. Christine had her roughest delivery yet; but, by God's grace, Nathan Michael Saint was born on November 16. He is quickly growing and seems to be as healthy as can be. Christine, on the other hand, had severe headaches and dangerously high blood pressure a few days after being released from the hospital. After a trip to the ER, a follow-up visit with a neurologist, an MRI, and an angiography that required overnight hospitalization, she was diagnosed with Reversible Vasoconstriction Syndrome that did not require medical intervention. Since then, she has had occasional blood pressure issues and occasional headaches but has generally been fine so long as she doesn't over-exert herself. Nathan's parents were with us during baby Nate's birth and Christine's parents came about ten days after they left, so we have had plenty of help in reminding Christine to take it easy.

Please pray for Evelyn and her husband. She has come to several services and seems interested in coming more regularly. Her husband seemingly works every day but is about to get some vacation time. They've asked me about a ceremony to dedicate their daughter, Antonia, to the Lord. I'm praying for an opportunity to talk to them about salvation and maybe get to know her husband a little better.

Please pray for Celso and Karla. They are facing some challenges as a family – challenges that could ruin any opportunity to reach their neighbors with the gospel. We recently helped them build a basic church building on their property and hope to hold services when their city comes out of quarantine.

Please pray for Sergio's mother, Laura, who is lost. She might be nearing the end of her fight with cancer. Due to COVID restrictions, Sergio is not allowed to go see her.

Please continue to pray for our church property here in San Pedro. Buildings continue to go up all around it and I can't wait to use it to be a more public witness in our community. Sadly, since civil court cases are frozen due to COVID (we might need a court case to force the construction company to hand it over, but they probably need one to evict the squatters currently occupying it). It seems unlikely that we'll get it any time soon. All the same, we serve the God who can do what seems impossible.

We continue to fill our schedule for the first part of our furlough in June and July 2021. Most Sundays have at least one meeting scheduled already, but most Wednesdays are still open. If we aren't able to visit with you this trip, we'll be sure to make plans for the second part of the furlough, likely during the second half of 2022.

Thank you for all your prayers, for the Christmas gifts, and for your constant support.

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Ministry Goals:

- Evangelize the lost
- Equip the believers
- Establish NT churches

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