

Summer Work in CHILE

Jan.- March 2012



Arriving to the southern Patagonian city of Coyhaique, which can be seen in the background. We travelled 3 days on bad roads, and had to take 3 ferry crossings to get there. Our van was loaded with boxes of texts, tracts, food, Bibles, plus the 6 young people and all our luggage for a month. It was a 4,500 kilometer trip there and back.



Sisters from the Los Angeles assembly helping in preparing Seed Sowers packages with the John 3:16 texts and tracts. We visited 8,000 homes in 2 cities during the 3 weeks of gospel meetings. A nice number of people responded.



This is the community centre in Coyhaique where we had the meetings. This photo was taken after the Breaking of Bread on our first Lord's Day there. We also had children's classes each morning with an average of 50 kids out, plus a few parents. Some of the children brought their parents out at night.



In the city of Aysen, we used this building for the children's classes. This photo shows the children with their prizes on the last day. Several adults came out to the evening gospel meetings. Each night one of the young men shared with me in preaching the gospel. God richly blessed His Word.



Three women from this rural area of Peñaflores, where we live, bravely gave testimony of their faith in our Lord Jesus by obeying Him in baptism. I say bravely, because everyone in the country for kilometers (or miles) around knows what all their "neighbors" do, where they go, etc. We are praying that this example of faith will speak to other members of their families, some who attend the meetings, and others who don't. To God be all the glory!



This is part of the group that helped give out the Seed Sower texts this past summer. They are a great bunch of young people! What potential for God lies in these lives. May God preserve each one for His honor and Glory! Lord willing, we hope to work with them again next summer. PRAY with us for guidance as to where we should go with the Precious Seed.

June 18, 2012

Dear Brethren and Sisters,

Warm greetings in the Lord's Name! Trust you are keeping well, as we are here. We have included a few pictures of this past summer's gospel work. It was a busy time in Coyhaique, Aysen and Talcahuano, as over 25,000 Seed Sowers texts were given out from door to door with the help of a nice group of young people. An encouraging number of people responded to the invitations and attended the gospel meetings. God blessed His Word, and we heard of some confessing Christ as Saviour. Back here at home, we had the joy of baptizing 3 women in April, and they are now part of the assembly. Many relatives and friends were out to witness their baptism, and heard the gospel preached clearly. In May, we had a special get-together for the young people that helped us during the summer. All were encouraged and challenged to continue sowing the Good Seed all year round.

After watering some plants today, this thought came to me: all living things are either growing or dying. Just as the plants need water, and babies need milk, we need "the sincere milk" of God's Word that we may grow thereby. Our spiritual lives can never be at a standstill.

Lord willing, we are planning a short visit back to Canada in July for a month. We will be with Gloria's father in Minnesota for 2 weeks and with our family in Toronto for the other 2 weeks. Our 5 grandchildren are growing up fast and changing every day.

With Christian love,
Dennis and Gloria Hanna