

## Liberty Baptist in Santiago - 18 Months of Trials and Trust

Many of you may remember when we purchased land for Liberty Baptist Church in Santiago in early 2023. During that summer, we began to hold services on the property while we worked on expanding the facility for a larger auditorium for the church. During those months, we met and developed a cordial relationship with the neighbor who, at first, was glad a church was coming to her neighborhood. As the weeks passed, she dramatically changed her outlook and turned against the church. She began to make physical threats against our church families and their children. She mocked the church services and attempted to provoke



greater conflict. She rallied dozens of neighbors to sign a petition to force us out of the area. Then, she began to file fabricated and unsubstantiated complaints with the local government. For weeks, she filed complaint after complaint. This led the government to require us to discontinue church services and construction until each of her many complaints could be investigated. Finally, she sued the church for "damages" and started a lengthy litigation process that tied the property up in legal limbo for over a year. Recently, the judge ruled in our favor. Unfortunately, she can legally continue to file complaints and make false accusations against us that would continue to frustrate the ministry in the area.

After much prayer and counsel, we have decided to sell the property. This is the first time in two decades that we have faced a situation like this. There are several opportunities that we are evaluating now. Please pray for this congregation and the important decisions that need to be made. Through these difficult times, we know God is in control. He is working all things together for His glory and our good. We choose to trust Him.

## **Expanding at the Chile Baptist College**

Several months ago, we finished the large metallic Pavillon-style roof at the Bible College. Since then, we have been adding walls and finishing the floor! **This space will provide us with much-needed room for future training events and conferences.** We hope to have most of this project completed before our upcoming graduation service in mid-December.

## Lori's mother is now with Jesus

We thank each of you who have prayed for my mother-in-law, Katherine Samson, over the past 4 years since her cancer diagnosis. On November 8th, she went home to be with the Lord. We traveled back for the funeral and to assist Lori's father with the transition. Please continue to pray for him and the rest of the family. **We thank God that in death, we have hope!** We praise the Lord for Katherine's testimony of salvation and look forward to being together again one day.

