

Dear Pastors and Praying Friends,

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We sure did.

Our return to Chile has been delayed by about a week. Instead of leaving on December 30, we now plan to leave on January 7, Lord willing. We were waiting on some final bloodwork for Isla, but it looks like everything is clear, and we're all set to return. Thank you once again for praying for her.

During the two months we've been back in the States, we've had the opportunity to visit several supporting churches, as well as a few new ones, to share what the Lord has been doing in Chile. It was refreshing to step back and reflect on all that God has done over the last 18 months. Watching the church grow has been much like watching my own children grow—you don't always notice the daily progress, but when you look back at pictures from a year ago, you realize how much has changed. God has been so good.

Since last October, when we began ministering at Iglesia Bautista Gracia, we've seen the Lord:

- Provide a much more centrally located building to rent.
- Enable us to expand that building to accommodate new growth.
- Save a group of people, six of whom have been baptized.
- Provide 30% of the funds needed to purchase a permanent building.
- Start a youth group that meets on Friday nights.
- Guide 10 people into our discipleship program.
- Start faith promise missions giving, and support 1 missionary.

Additionally, the church has completed the expansion of our current location, giving us much more room for seating. This is a huge praise! We were getting a bit cramped, so having more space to grow is a blessing.

We're also working on the church's yearly calendar. While it's not yet finalized, we're planning to hold our anniversary service in March. Please pray with us as we prepare for this milestone—it's hard to believe we're coming up on one year in our new building!

As mentioned earlier, the Lord has provided approximately 30% of the funds needed for our building project. This fund will allow us to purchase a permanent home for the church. Please join us in praying for the remaining funds and for the Lord to lead us to the right property. When He opens that door, we want to be ready to step through it immediately. If you feel led to give toward this project, you can send contributions to:

Shreve Building Fund P.O. Box 647 Dawsonville, GA 30534

Thank you for all you do for the Lord! It is an honor to represent you in Chile.

In Christ,

Kyle, Hannah, Isabella, Isaiah, and Isla Shreve

Hebrews 11:6

