

# The Chile Chico

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I attended a training seminar this past weekend to be an associate staff person with Mission to the World. During this training, Mark Thompson, one of the full time MTW staff, made a comment that just hit home. We were talking about how we get all caught up in the activities, planning, and execution of a mission trip and we often lose sight of the real purpose behind why we do missions or anything for that matter! We are serving God, to do His will, to spread the Gospel as best we can using the gifts He has given us. It hit home because Jan and I are heading into the busiest time of the year. Sometimes it feels like we're drinking from a fire hose! Trips to Chile visiting friends, MTW training, trips to Michigan visiting family following by the biggest event of the spring, Disaster Response Training hosted at our church. Both of us are up to our ears planning and preparing. Following the week of DRT, I head to Scotland to lead a hiking trip with Tumpline Ministries. Two days after I return, off we go to northwest Ontario on another Tumpline trip. It's easy to get caught up in "self". We need to remind ourselves to pray, to study God's word, to rest in Him. One of my favorite quotes from St. Augustine is "we are restless until we rest in Him". Amen!

So that's what's going on in our lives. Please pray for us. We have a busy schedule this spring and summer with Tumpline trips and we don't want to lose the "big picture".

As I mentioned earlier, Jan and I visited the Osorno church over the Easter holiday. It was not a mission trip rather a vacation using our frequent flyer points we have accumulated over the years. It was wonderful to see our Chilean friends from church, English class and the hogar. We stayed with the Senter family (MTW missionaries in Osorno). We really enjoyed and appreciated their hospitality. The Osorno church is getting stronger. They

have ordained a ruling elder and a deacon and will become a "particular" church on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April.



*Hiking in Valdivia*

Obviously, this is a joyous occasion. Unfortunately, we could not time our schedule to celebrate the event with them on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for this church, for Alex the pastor, and the Senters as they continue to minister to the people in Osorno.



*Visiting the hogar (girls home)*

It was also great to visit the hogar where we worked in 2009. Many of the girls we got attached to were still there as well as all of the "tias". It was a nice reunion.

Please pray for the John Rug, Chile's Country Director and churches in Chile as they seek to minister to the people affected by the earthquake in February.

Thank you all for your prayers and support!

*Dan and Jan Jenny*