

The Chile Chico

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“To the Ends of the Earth, literally!”

When you live in the northern hemisphere, Patagonia, Chile seems like the end of the earth, particularly since Torres del Paine is located on the very tip of South America.

Tumpline Ministries’ February trip was the fifth trip to Torres. Some might ask why go there so often. Well... it’s a special place, one of the most beautiful places God has created and we want to share it with others.

There were six of us this time. Aaron, a veteran of Tumpline’s Siberia and Scotland hikes; Doreen a doctor who led Jan and I on a medical mission trip to Cambodia; Kelly, an ER nurse I met through Disaster Response Ministry and Scott, an engineer from New Jersey. None of the hikers had ever met before this trip and it was remarkable how well the group bonded.



Group shot in the park

Some may think these hiking trips are grueling, mind numbing experiences that only the sadistic would enjoy. The truth is this hike is very enjoyable. We hike from roughly 9AM to 3PM with lots of leisure time for breaks, photo shoots and snacks☺. Our evening meal is prepared for us in a small restaurant and we sleep on cushioned mattresses in a refugio. We even have hot showers every evening! Not all Tumpline trips have these creature comforts. Each day we have a Bible study out on the trail. This time we were studying the Beatitudes, learning how truly blessed we are, particularly being able to be hiking in these magnificent surroundings! If fact, I wonder how much of the Bible study these hikers remember since the scenery was kinda distracting!!

Here’s my favorite picture of the trip with my favorite hiking partner:



Dan and Jan on the trail

Special thanks to Doreen for the pictures!!

In other Tumpline news, the preparations for this summer’s activities are going well. The Men’s Retreat to northwestern Ontario and the horse-pack trip are full. The bicycle trip to Newfoundland and Labrador is still open. I still have room for three people. I’m surprised this trip hasn’t fill yet since it is truly a unique trip. Newfoundland and the Labrador coast are beautiful places. If bicycling is not your cup of tea, just come along for the scenery. We will have a chase vehicle and you can just ride along. The trip cost is only \$550 for a two week trip!

Also, we are working on a new website and hope to have it up and working before summer.

Please keep Tumpline Ministries in your prayers as we make these trips, praying for safety and for the participants that it will be a time of spiritual growth.

If you have questions or would like to know about this ministry, please call – 724-443-1913

In His service,

Dan and Jan Jenny

P.S. Backpacking in Alaska – Summer 2012