

# Jack & Janine Swanson's "CHILE CONNECTION" NOVEMBER thru DECEMBER 2009, *Christmas* edition



Iglesia Cristiana "JESÚS es El Camino"  
("JESUS is The Way" Christian Church)

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# *¡Feliz Navidad!!*

*For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.  
And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
-Isaiah 9:6*

Have you ever noticed how all three persons of God are integrally working in every action of God, sometimes so subtly put that it escapes us. Take a closer look at the above verse at who was and is present in "this born child". In Jesus we have a Mighty united God, made up of an Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace (his son), and a Wonderful Counselor (the Holy Spirit). In Jesus, we have ALL of God present. How cool is that??!! All the more reason to celebrate, to want Him live in us, and to make Him known.

You've been praying for our marriages in Chile, and for Jorge & Lorena in particular. They, with their daughter Russelnash, would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas....



**NOVEMBER & DECEMBER** have been full of good things. We have much to be thankful for.

- Stateside, the NMC was excellent. Our Chile booth sold lots of marble figures (all proceeds, after expenses, go to help support God's work through us with abandoned children), new contacts were made with prospective interns and with others interested in God's work in Chile, and existing relationships with supporters, churches, and other missionaries were re-enforced and blessed.
- We hosted a special Thanksgiving Day dinner for those Chileans that participate in the Thursday night English Club. All contributed some part of the meal and twenty-one of us enjoyed the delicious food and heard the purpose of the day, from the first Thanksgiving forward—to give thanks to God for his good and gracious provision and protection. The United States was born as a country that not only acknowledged and looked to God, but that also purposefully followed his lead.
- Our church's corporation papers were filed with the Chilean government. We are now waiting for our "identity number", which is due to arrive in January. This means that we are "officially" recognized as a legal identity, one of the benefits of which is to be able to import donated items and even a vehicle, free of tax. The children's home will also shortly be filing its own corporation papers in the first months of 2010.
- Mike & Tabi Boyce arrived on December 10 to work full-time within the Chilean Mission Team. What a blessing and how interesting to see God's hand at work, from 2003 (when Mike arrived for the first time to Chile as one of our interns) to the present. God continues to add specialized workers to the Chilean "harvest" and we're grateful for how He's *always* at work. Mike & Tabi are still short of their monthly need. Should any of you wish to contact them, they can be E-mailed at [our.boycemail@gmail.com](mailto:our.boycemail@gmail.com)
- We, as a church, have located what seems to be our new "home" going forward into 2010. It's a space within a "physical fitness/weight-training" facility, located on Gran Avenida (the main street going from La Cisterna toward the center of Santiago). It's a first floor space with good access (approximately one and one-half miles from where we meet now), across the street from a large park area (good for outreach). It's also near a small mall, which may very well provide good space for our English Club next year. Our existing mission property will continue as God's extension to our neighborhood—especially working with children and youth in our local plaza.
- Juan and Carlos are working to finish the kitchen area of house "2" on the mission property. They finished house "4" in October, and now with house 2 completed by the end of December or in January, we will have two un-occupied houses ready for abandoned children. Janine gets back to Santiago from the States on January 2 and Fabiola, the young Chilean adult who will be working directly with Janine with the children and in the setting up of the houses, etc., is due in Santiago from southern Chile by mid-January. Our up-coming work with children has been one of the focuses of the monthly Prayer Letter we send you. Thanks for praying!!
- We are making good progress on a new website, dedicated to the selling of the Chilean-made marble figures. As soon as it is up and ready we will be sure to let everyone know.

Here are some photos of events and people we've recently highlighted:



*Mami with daughter Sandra and her husband, Ivan  
A home group of four persons, plus Jack, meets in  
their home every Thurs. afternoon.*



*Ricardo & Adriana in their new home, pictured with  
son, Yerko, Sara (young member baptized this year),  
Marco Antonio (far right) and his wife, Ruth (far left).  
A home group meets here every Wed. night.*



*Jack attended men's conference in southern Chile.*



*Juan & Carlos—top notch workers!!*

We SO thank you all (especially you steady prayer warriors) for your prayers and for your financial support in 2009! In spite of the decline in value of the U.S. dollar this year in Chile, you continue to make possible this ministry. May God bless you as much as you've blessed us and may 2010 give God the glory for all of it!!

**With MUCH HOPE, LIGHT, AND LOVE in an arrived Jesus,**

***MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!***

**Jack & Janine and the Chile Mission Team and the  
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