

Jack & Janine Swanson's "CHILE CONNECTION" October through *December* 2008



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

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MONTHLY CHILE PRAYER LETTER

Our periodic newsletters are able to give a work through us and through the church work! You have been receiving well that highlight main blessings petitions for that month. We are yearly financial support that God more grateful for your steady keep them coming, and please receive. They're ideal for personal



summary and overview of God's in Chile. *PTL!!* for technology at monthly Prayer Letters from us as along with our main prayer very grateful for the monthly and provides through you. We are even prayers! Thank you for them and make use of the Prayer Letter you and group use, and for church services.

UPDATE ON JANUARY'S WOMEN'S RETREAT

Final planning has been moving along toward the January 29-31 women's retreat in Chile, to be held very near Santiago at a Salvation Army retreat center. As you know, U.S. Christian women will be traveling to give presentations, workshops, and do different types of beauty/health-related treatments--all focused on what truly makes a beautiful woman of God. We are excited that between twelve and fourteen women will be making the trip to participate and serve. *Please be in prayer* for not only the U.S. team coming to Chile, but also that God would bring many Chilean women to the retreat (150??). There are so many emotional, spiritual, psychological, and physical needs among them that only God can touch, heal, and shape.



Jack, visiting with women in Manteno, IL



Entrance area of the retreat center

JACK'S TIME IN THE U.S.



We annually attend and host a booth at the Nat'l Missionary Convention (NMC). This year it was held in Tulsa, OK, and Jack went on our behalf. As always, the marble figures and sets that we sell (made by a Chilean family) were a tremendous hit. All proceeds above cost go back into the ministry. The theme "*GETTING YOUR HANDS DIRTY*" was both excellent and overdue. Jesus, throughout his teaching, placed considerable emphasis on the

connection between his *good news* and ministering to the poor and to all those in need. He then said, "Follow me!", and we all know where He went, what he did, and how He did it. I, as a pastor, and we, as a church in Chile, have the privilege and responsibility of doing exactly that, making it a main theme for us to follow in 2009.

We will look forward to seeing as many of you as is possible at next year's convention to be held in Peoria, IL, the weekend before Thanksgiving. *MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!*

EVENTS & FOCUS OF DECEMBER

For to 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, Might God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. --Isaiah 9:6

As foretold in Isaiah 7:14 and announced to Mary and Joseph and then to the shepherds, this *WAS* no ordinary child--He was the Messiah/Christ (both meaning 'the Anointed One'); He was Immanuel ('God with us'); He was Jesus (Greek form of Hebrew name meaning 'Jehovah is Salvation')!

Our mission and the mission of the church, Iglesia Cristiana '*Jesús es El Camino*' every December is to lift Jesus' birth and identity as high as we can in declaration, service, and in celebration. From singing Christmas Carols, handing out gospels of John, and providing free gift wrapping in our plaza, to painting over graffiti on neighbors' walls, to carrying out a prayer walk in our neighboring area, to inviting neighbors and others to a birthday party for Jesus on Christmas Eve, we will be very busy in the two weeks leading up to Christmas.

As you likewise reach out where you are, please join us in dedicating this Christmas to all of the persecuted churches and Christians throughout the world who can't proclaim Jesus in public.

CHILE CULTURE POINT- We in Chile officially enter summer on December 21 and thus schools are now ending their scholastic years. Most jobs let their employees out at midday on Christmas Eve and Christmas activities take place on Christmas Eve instead of on Christmas Day (Chile is a "late night" type of society). For all, it is a time where relatives and special friends gather to enjoy a large meal (usually a barbeque), open gifts, and enjoy each other's company until the early hours of Christmas Day--a day generally reserved for rest and relaxation. Christmas Eve dinner is served late—sometimes close to midnight—and "Santa" comes afterwards. As it is summer, the children play with gifts, both inside the house and out, allowing the adults gather by themselves. Most all protestant churches have services early on Christmas Eve. Roughly 90% of Chilean Roman Catholics (who in turn make up approximately 75% of Chile's population) aren't active in any church.

Giving thanks, alongside of you, for a Born and Real Jesus,

Jack and Janine