

Red Hot Chile Papers

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Greetings to all from Iquique Chile -

For the last few months I have been preparing for the final work team to come to Iquique and work on the new 2nd Church. This team was half medical and half construction. This is the first time that I have hosted a medical team here in Chile. I also think it was the first time that anybody asked the proper medical authorities for permission to have doctors from outside of Chile treat patients in their city. I did my work - for two months I climbed all the levels of the ladder. I had meetings with everyone concerned at least five times. I met. all their requirements, dotted all my i's and crossed my t's. Two days before the group was to arrive, the Director of Public Health visited the church where we were going to examine patients. She left very satisfied.

We were ready for the group. Everyone was excited. Two hours before their plane landed I get a call from Public Health saying, in fact, we could not see patients. I felt like I was in a time warp and everything went into slow motion. In that moment I felt the calmness that can only be produced by the Holy Spirit. I could not believe that I was taking this news so well. I really knew that it was going to be all right. You see I felt that I had done everything that was needed. But now it was time for God to show me what he could do. I felt this. I knew that the next few hours and days were going to be more magnificent that I could imagine because God was stepping in to do his thing. Yes he did. God's hands molded, pushed aside, opened hearts, opened minds, calmed souls. He made things happen by us just letting God do it his way, things that we could not even dream of happening.

On the second day, the Head of Public Health came by the site with written permission for us to continue working. We did not ask. We smiled and thanked God. The medical team treated one hundred and sixty persons. This is not as many as we wanted, although I believe that God had something else that he needed accomplished. The construction group finished their work and the new church looks beautiful. The rest of the work on the church will be done by the local congregation.

Methodist Education Center - Advance project # 14062N

We will be starting work on "The Education Center" in Arica in November. At the present time I have two teams lined up. I expect this project to take two years to build.

SPECIAL REQUEST

My work here In Chile depends in part on what I can get accomplished. My major work is to bring teams from the States to help build the projects that I am working on for the Methodist Church of Chile. I am asking you, *my* covenant churches, to give serious prayer about supporting my work here in Chile, I am asking you to ask those in your churches to put together a work team and come to Chile and work with me here for a week or two. You can find information about these projects at: www.qbqm-umc.org/umc-chijg or write me chileman52@hotmail.com

Thank you for your continued support both with gifts and prayers. Please continue to pray for all missionaries that are serving, especially those in areas, that are in conflict,. One of the most important things I have learned as a missionary over the last twelve years is the power of prayer.

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