

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Brethren,

The church in Mendoza had special classes to learn new hymns for worship. For several years, we have been setting aside a week in February for this purpose. Many brethren have travelled to be with us in this endeavor while taking full advantage of the excellent classes that teachers have conducted so well. On this occasion, Miguel Gomez, who preaches for the congregation that meets in the community on the outskirts of Santiago, Chile was our instructor. It seems that his classes are more outstanding every year. Miguel and others have taught brethren in Loncoche, Chile and Buenos Aires, Argentina. Marcelo Toloza from Quintero, Chile was also present for a few days to assist us in this effort. As a result, we continue to improve a little in our attempts to praise God with the fruit of our lips.

As you already know, a massive earthquake and tsunami has violently struck Chile. The news has shown very graphic photographs showing the devastation in several areas of the country. Seeing that Chile and Argentina share the same border and that many members of the church in Mendoza are Chileans, I would like to share some brief observations about this disaster. Thanks to God, no Christian in Chile has been directly affected. No one has suffered injury or serious property damage. However, many have had to deal with the lack of water, electricity, phone services, and food supplies in those affected areas in the aftermath of this catastrophe. It is comforting to note that many Christians in Chile have moved rapidly to help their brethren in those isolated regions that were hit so hard. The Chilean government is already doing everything possible to help with the clean up and the return to normality. It will be a slow process requiring several years and large financial investments. This is the news for now and I know that you are deeply interested in the Lord's work throughout the world. Please continue to remember the saints in Chile in your prayers that the God of consolation may comfort them at this time and that they may be His instruments for good in the lives of others.

I continue to be busy teaching classes to Christians and to those who do not know the Lord. We have visitors present for nearly every service at the building. We desire to have as many contacts as possible with those lost in the world. We want to teach all men the gospel.

My family is doing well. My youngest daughter, Lidia, will soon have surgery as well as my youngest grandson, Giuliano. We solicit your prayers for those two.

Thank you so much for your fellowship in the gospel. We are pleased to know that you are with us and our efforts to preach Christ. We are grateful for your prayers and all your manifestations of genuine love for the Lord.

May the hand of God be with you,

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