

Introduction

2010 was an historic year for every Chilean. A year of tragedies and joy. We lost a very good friend of ours, Maca Yunge (a Young girl that Ale had discipled and had worked very closely with Cristobal at MOU passed away in a very dramatic way), after that there was a huge earthquake, but after a couple of months many people were happy because of the World Cup and the Rescue of our 33 miners from the depth of the earth. Our third daughter was born in August, Amanda Caris. In September everybody celebrated the Bicentenarial of our Independence. The celebrations were filled with euphoria and optimism but 2010 finished with a tragedy, more than 80 people were burned to death in a fire that happened in a urban prison making us aware that we are a third world country that still has prisoners living in conditions with no dignity. In the midst of all this, the gospel keeps spreading and God's plan keeps being the most important plan in the universe, that's why we long to keep pondering how 2011 is going to be a year in which we'll be involved in His Enterprise for the glory of Jesus and the joy of many.



We are much grateful to God for all of those who are kindly partnering with us within God's mission through prayers, practical and financial support. Above all, we praise God that our friendship remains through the time, in the midst of all difficulties, tiredness and joys of pastoral ministry.

Ale and Cris with theirs “ABEJAS” (Bees) (Amanda, Belén, Jacinta)



FAMILY

We can bear witness that God is faithful. We are grateful for the love and gladness that He has poured out into our family in these 7 years of marriage and for having given us another year to serve Him in His work.

There are great challenges for 2011. Belén keeps going as a Pre-K girl and Jacinta will become one. All of this in the middle of our church planting project in downtown Santiago. Being aware of that, we will make sure that our quality time as a family grows; it will be a “non-negotiable” for us in 2011.

Ale finished another year of discipleship with women. Every Monday she taught the gospel of John to a very constant group of friends. We have seen the fruit of the Bible study as they grow in godly character and passion for Jesus. There is a big chance that Ale may be in charge of the children ministry during 2011. We are not sure yet, if that's not the case she will be at least training those who will be involved in it. All of this will depend on how her “full time mum” goes.

We have great expectations for the visit of Ted Tripp to Chile. He will be doing a Conference of Parenthood from the 15 to the 17 of March. Ale and I trust that it will be a time for renewing of our vision for parenthood and will give us strength to carry on discipling our kids in God’s way.

PLEASE PRAY:

That God may keep giving us the grace to build a home in which Jesus is the centre of our relationships. That He may keep giving us strength in the daily responsibilities we have as parents. That He may give us peaceful times, quality times with the kids and as a couple. God is good!

APÓSTOL SANTIAGO CHURCH



After a whole year of evangelism and discipleship, God has brought about 25 people to our weekly meetings. Every Wednesday we meet, we have something to eat and then we meditate in the Bible in small groups.

It's a privilege to be able to see how people's lives begin to be transformed by Jesus' power. Church planting can be an exhausting mission, but it can't be compared with the enormous joy of seeing God's kingdom grow even in a place like downtown Santiago with all the barriers people have against the gospel.

But 2010 ended and now comes 2011 with new objectives. Our small congregation has already memorized how to respond to the question: What is the most important day of the year?...they answer..."The 1st of MAY!!!" That's the date in which we want to begin with our Sunday services. We are hoping that in that day a different aspect of the growth of our church may begin. It will require much commitment and perseverance of our people but it will open the door for the proclamation of the gospel in another context.

PLEASE PRAY:

That God may give us the impulse we need as a Church to do the next step as a community, namely, establishing a God-centered service that may build up the Church around God's Word as we try to reach the outside community with the Holy Spirit power.

NATIONAL GIMNASIO



CHALLENGE CONFERENCE 2010



Leslie Dubbeloy (National Gimnasio's Development and Training Coordinator)
Camilo Hormazabal and Alan DuBelloy (Trainees 2010)

Colin Marshall visited our country to present his book “The Trellis and the Vine” and to preach in our Anglican Conference for Pastors. It was very much refreshing for those of us involved in this Ministry Training Program because it reminded us of the basic principles that we have been trying to pursue since the beginning of Gimnasio: to disciple with God’s Word the future generation of gospel workers.

The year finished with the Challenge Conference. We were reminded with the simple strategy of Jesus laid up in John 15: “disciples that makes disciples”. Even though there is much work to be done, we feel that we are in the right way as we see that more and more young people are

becoming interested in gospel ministry, Gimnasio establishes new bases in different parts of the country (5 cities will run Gimnasio) and after 3 years of running this program 10 people have gone through Bible College thinking in full time gospel ministry.

During 2011 we will aim to form a Team of Trainers from different parts of Chile. In that way we will be able to share resources, ideas, training models and criteria's. As we do this, we hope that many new local churches that have no training experience may be willing to send their people to this network of Trainers and by God's grace, create a well prepared new generation for gospel work, not only in Chile but in Latin-American.

PLEASE PRAY:

That God may grant that –as we keep forming people- a new Trainer Team may be built which is passionate for seeing the birth of a new generation of gospel ministers with strong biblical foundations, deep love for God's Church, humbly dependent in the Holy Spirit and genuinely compassionate for those who don't know Jesus Christ.

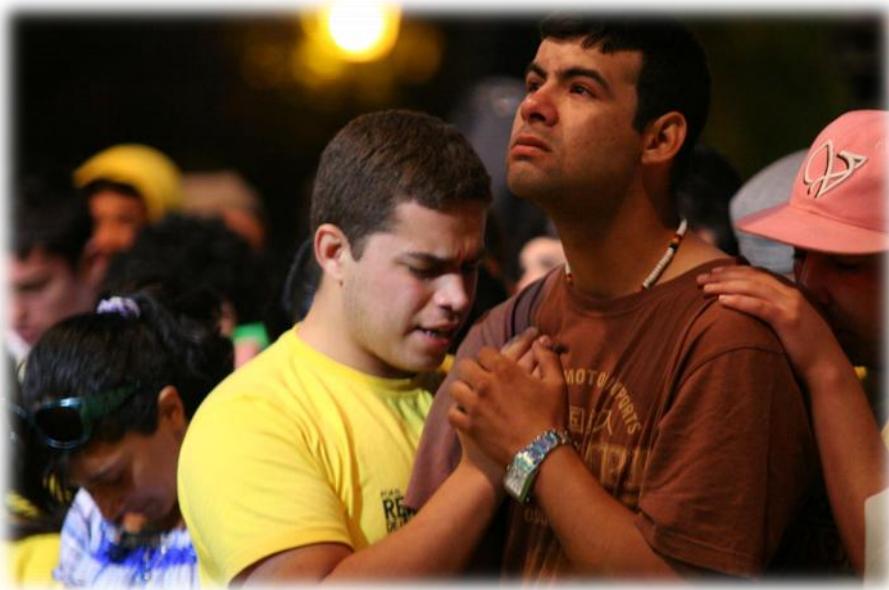
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Cristóbal has been teaching a course of Homiletics in the Anglican Bible College. It's a course that aims to teach the students to go the road from the text to the sermon through workshops and sermon presentations. Even though the students find the course helpful, Cristobal still thinks that he could improve the course to give a better service to the students.

PLEASE PRAY:

That God may grant time to Cristobal to be able to prepare good workshops that may challenge and help the future pastors of our congregations, particularly because Homiletics it is such a key part for their future ministry as it deals mainly with the proclamation of God's Word.

MOU CHILE



In 2010 Chile celebrated the Bicentennial of its Independence and MOU wanted to remember it with a National Mission Outreach. So, for more than 18 months we were working to organize the proclamation of Christ in different forms and places. At the end there were 2170 young missionaries going into the streets dressed with yellow T-shirts (the light of Christ) representing 21 cities throughout our country (from Arica to Puerto Montt) Our "motto" was "For the Renewal of a Passion" because we longed to see that as people were coming to Christ, they may be freed from their current earthly passions and may be brought to a more fully, eternal and real passion for the glory of Christ. But the second aim was to bring that same passion into the Church. That, as the church would join hands to preach Christ, she may remember what Christ did for her 2 thousand years ago and her joy in God may increase. Both aims were achieved by God's grace and we trust that after that mission Christ's Church grew in number and in passion!

We appreciate the support of those who were part of the recording of a “MOU CD” with evangelistic songs. It was our first recorded material and we long to see more resources coming for the extension of the gospel and the edification of the body.

Now we are in a process of prayer and vision. We don't know what's coming next. We do know that this mission outreaches will keep happening everywhere at anytime and we don't want to stop that happening. But we think that is time that this movement may deepen its roots and it will probably require more commitment from local churches and people and resources. We long to see MOU as an evangelistic tool to reach the country but as a network of gospel centered people who long to see the church been revived by the Holy Spirit, experiencing new depth in Her commitment to God's mission and Her knowledge of the richness of Christ! Alleluia!

PLEASE PRAY:

That God may give us vision, power and resources (people and money) to keep deepening this movement so that many people may know Christ and the churches may be renewed by the same gospel they will be proclaiming.

LAUSANNE CONFERENCE, CAPE TOWN



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We want to close this family newsletter with one of the most joyful times of the year. Cristóbal had the opportunity to go back to Cape Town, to attend the Lausanne Conference. Cris was able to see the beloved friends that we met while our 3 years in GWC. There were many good memories, good conversations and deep prayers. Cris also was part of a Mission Outreach in Michel's Plain that Jan Vat and Andrew Barnes organized for his time there. It was sad not to be able to take Ale with to enjoy the time together (that was so key for our future marriage) but our Amanda was only 2 month old and we didn't think that it was wise to go with her.

The Conference gathers more than 4 thousand people from almost every country in the world. It was a wonderful opportunity to see God's worldwide Church gathered around the most basical foundations of our faith and to think how we are going to present them to a world that is quickly changing and is generating new challenges to the gospel. As we were able to enjoy a bit of what heaven will be like seeing so many people from different nations, tongues and backgrounds; we were strongly reminded that we are not there yet and so we must strive with God's power to be the people he wants us to be, namely, a Christ centered people that pray for being a church that is humble, simple and holy as we preach the gospel of our Lord and serve in His power those who don't know Him.

⁹ And they sang a new song:
"You are worthy to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
because you were slain,
and with your blood you purchased men for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation.

¹⁰ You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God,
and they will reign on the earth."
(Rev. 5:9-10)