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I am resending our most recent prayer letter as it appears the letter bounced from your email due to the size of the file. Below you will find just the text of our most recent prayer letter. Thanks for your understanding as we are getting accustomed to our new computer.

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

We hope and pray that each and everyone of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving season and are looking forward Christmas. We are so thankful to each one of you for your prayers and support this past year. It has been a crazy and wonderful year for our family as we have seen God move so many times through the adoption of our girls, the changing of our furlough plans, and the start of Berea Baptist Church.

Thank you so much for praying us through this past year!!

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Dear Friends and Supporters

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.  
Psalm 36:5

Greetings once again from Santiago. We apologize for the delay in writing this letter, but to say the truth – we have had a few very disjointed and weird weeks for our family. Despite the craziness of the past few weeks, we are thankful that God never gets tired or sick when watching over us. We hope you are looking forward to Christmas day as we are, and celebrating Gods faithfulness to his promises and his eternal plan of salvation found only in Jesus Christ.

As we wrote our last prayer letter, Heather was on a plane to Brazil for a lady missionaries retreat near Iguassu Falls. I am thankful she got that rest because as she came back we started two straight weeks of sickness. Elizabeth and Esther had a small fever while Heather was gone, then when Heather got back Caleb started with a nasty dry cough. Hannah started with a cold two days later which turned out to be the start to chicken pox, which later rolled into bronchitis. Elizabeth and Esther (unfortunately) never got the chicken pox, but did sound like they had bronchitis, which was later confirmed, for Esther, to be walking pneumonia. In the middle of this we also caught a virus on our main desktop computer which we got fixed, only to see the computer completely die on Thanksgiving day. We thankfully have a new computer, and at the moment all the kids are healthy once again!!

In the month of October we also had the annual missions conference that ABWE holds each year in conjunction with our seminary, and a Chilean missions agency. The conference is held at our school, and usually runs around 500 attendees. Doug also had the privilege to return back to our old church, “Good News Baptist” in La Reina to help with the installation of two new deacons. If you remember, in 2009 they had only one deacon and 15 to 20 people. The church now runs close to 80 and has three deacons!! In October we also celebrated Heather's birthday, and the

completion of one year with the girls in the house (Oct 25th).

In the month of November, besides trying to fix our computer issues, we held two big cookouts in our house. On Thanksgiving Day all of our ABWE colleagues came to our house to celebrate God's faithfulness to our nation, and then 3 days later we had an all church cookout in our house again. Both times were a great time to celebrate what God has done, and is doing in our life, our mission, and in our new church plant here in Ciudad Satelite.

Last week, our other "adopted" son, Nicolas, who is a student at the ABWE seminary and lives with us on the weekends, left to go back home for summer in northern Chile, and this past Friday (Dec 9th) Caleb and Hannah finished their semester and are now (very happily) in summer vacation. Nothing says summer vacation here in Chile better than walking into your local stores and seeing your Lawn and Garden section decked out right next to your Christmas trees, There are some things that still just don't look right . . . Christmas trees decked out in an air conditioned store is one of those things!!

Specifically in the church (Berea Baptist) right now things are going well. We have had a few visitors, and it appears that one family will be coming back more frequently. We still struggle with faithfulness of the people that are coming so we never seem to break 30 people, but Lord willing that number will soon be broken. Pastor Marcelo is finishing his series on church doctrines, and Doug has taken over teaching Sunday School for the kids so that Marcelo's wife, Jessica, could take a break. We found out this past month that Jessica is pregnant with baby #3 and we are very excited for them. On December 18th we will be having a combined baptismal service with our mother church, Ebenezer, and it appears that we will have roughly 4 people baptized from our church in addition to those from the other church! Please pray for good weather next Sunday!!!

As we look to the near-term future both Elizabeth and Esther celebrate their 3 year birthdays on December 15th, followed by Caleb on December 24th, and Christmas of course on Sunday the 25th. It appears that our newest missionary family, Rob and Shari Hagerty, will arrive here in Chile this week to start their careers, so please also pray for them as Rob and Doug will be working very closely together at the school. As we look to the future we are praying about the possibility of purchasing a home here in Chile – and we would greatly appreciate your prayers in this matter. The many changes of living circumstances that we have had has been difficult for the family, but we don't want to buy a house if that is not what God has for our family. Please continue to pray for this and all the other many activities in our mission, church ministry, and family.

Thank you so much for your prayers!!

Doug & Heather Amundson