

AMUNDSON *Anthem*



January 2012 Praise Letter

Praises

5 Baptized from Berea Baptist on Dec 18th, 2011

Good week at camp for Caleb and Hannah

Celebrated birthdays for Caleb, Elizabeth, and Esther

Heather recovering from kidney stones

Prayer Requests

ABWE Conference from Jan 23rd to 28th here in Chile

Wisdom regarding house purchase

Wisdom planning and preparing church ministries

Support is almost 80%

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Dear Friends and Family,

Greetings once again from Santiago, Chile. We hope and pray that all of you had a wonderful time with your families at Christmas, celebrating all that God has done for us in the person of Jesus Christ. We celebrate the salvation and the hope that we have in the person and the work of our Savior.

These past few weeks have moved so quickly for us, and before we moved any further I wanted to send another update so you can continue to pray for us. First of all I wanted to say thank you to all of you for your support this past year. All though our support level has been lacking all year, so many of you have prayed, we have had several new monthly supporters, and several one-time gifts which have helped tremendously. We continue to stay at 79% of our support, but due to your faithfulness, we continue to have exactly what has been needed.

Last month (18-Dec) we had the great privilege to be involved in the first baptismal service of Berea Baptist. A family attending our church has a pool and we combined our service with another church to have one big celebration service.

Berea Baptist had 5 people baptized, and the other church had 2 people baptized!! It was a beautiful sunny day, and we praise God for this opportunity. Please continue to pray for our church that we can grow, reach more people for Christ, and see lives changed.

On the family side we also celebrated the 3 year birthday of Elizabeth and Esther on Dec 15th, as well as Caleb's birthday on Dec 24th. It was a very busy month, but due to the change in seasons Caleb got to celebrate his birthday at the Pacific ocean, instead of being stuck inside braving the cold weather (normally) of Ohio in the winter.



During the first week of January Caleb and Hannah also had the opportunity to go to church camp just south of Santiago and had a great time. We are so thankful that they have really taken to the Chilean culture and that they have absolute fluency in Spanish and have been able to develop some great friendships with other kids in several other churches. We pray that weeks like these will continue to develop them spiritually and culturally, and that God continues to work in their lives.

On Tuesday, January 10th, Heather was visited once again by kidney stones, but this time there were two, one dropping on each side simultaneously. At first Heather tried to stay at the house, but after about five hours, she said the pain just felt differently which was confirmed by the doctors when we arrived at the hospital. Heather we checked in to the hospital Tuesday afternoon, and the Dr. removed both stones around 10:00 at night on Wednesday, with Heather coming home on Thursday afternoon. We are so thankful for our ABWE team that helped us out so many times with the kids during that week, and the following week as Heather recovered.

Heather and I have also been deeply praying about our next step in housing. We think we have found a house that will work for our family and our budget, but as those of you who have taken those steps, nothing is final until the papers are signed. The process here in Chile can be long at times depending on paperwork, so please pray for us as we still have some steps to clarify before we commit to any one specific house. We really would appreciate your prayers for our family in this step.

As we look to the future, our family leaves this week for an ABWE conference starting on Monday, here in Chile, and then on Feb 14th we change houses again, moving to the apartments located at the school as the Salsmans return. Doug will start teaching Ephesians in February, and also working with the new school administrator (the Hagerty family) who just arrived here in Chile last month.

Please continue to pray for Marcela and Jessica, our co-workers, as well as Daniel as he plays the guitar for us. Nicolas, the young man who lived with us earlier, will be returning to Santiago in late February or early March, and Brian and Crystal Salsman are planning to return in late February as well.



Pray for us as a team as we plan for the coming year. We wish to make the right decisions, and plan the right ministries, so that we can effectively grow, and that God would be praised in this process.

Thank you so much for your prayers, thoughts, and support for our family and ministries.

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