



# SID LUKE MINISTRIES

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Dear Family & Friends,

Peace & grace to you in Jesus Christ our Lord! As the cold winter comes to an end in Chile, we have been so very blessed to have had several rainfalls this season. The beginning of the year began with the worst draught in 100 years. The desperation & uncertainty in this major agricultural area had all concerned about the economy & life in general. The 4th Region, where Ovalle is located, is where much of the winter fruit sold in the USA comes from. Winter is the only time of the year that it rains in this area, so if there is no rain in the winter, there will be no rain till the following winter. Everyone is so grateful for every heavenly raindrop. We are thankful to the Lord for you standing with us in prayer & for the spiritual leadership our son, Pastor Guillermo, and the believers of the Lily of Ovalle that called the churches near & far & to stand in the Gap in prayer and fasting with them to break this curse. Jesus Christ is faithful & is always looking for faithful servants to stand in the gap & believe for the impossible.



By the time you receive this letter, Chile will be entering into their springtime. September is a major time of celebration in both Mexico (September 16th) & Chile (September 18th) as they both celebrate their Independence Day. In Chile, it is a time that nearly everything shuts down for a week (except for groceries, restaurants, etc). The smell of BBQ is the norm: chicken, goat, lamb (Sid's favorite), & beef mixed with the sounds of Andino or Caribbean music, dancing (Cueca, the folk dance of Chile), people dressed like Huasos (cowboys) with Chilean flags & banners everywhere. It is usually a time of large gatherings of friends, family, & community. But even in this festive atmosphere, there are strict rules concerning how to flying the Chile flag & carelessness can cause you to be fined by the Carabineros (police). Our first year in Ovalle, we were visited on Sept. 18th by the police for not having a Chilean flag hung in the front of our downtown house. We found one quickly to hang & learned our lesson!

Besides the blessing of the rain this winter, there have been several new families added to the local church who are new believers in Jesus. Kathy & I thank the Lord for the Lily of Ovalle Church leadership who has the burning desire to reach the others with the salvation message & are willing to go out of their comfort zones to spread this Good News to all: Jesus Christ is Savior, Redeemer, Healer, Hope, coming King!

Thank you for your prayers & support for this ministry. We are so grateful to the Lord for you & your friendship towards us in the family of God. Thank you from the depths of our hearts. We pray that the Lord will minister to your every need according to His riches in glory through Christ Jesus our Lord! We love & appreciate you in Jesus!

His vineyard together for His honor and glory,

*Sid & Kathy Luke*

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