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Dear Family & Friends,

Greetings in the love of Jesus Christ! As most of you have already heard, Chile has once again been struck by an 8.3 earthquake with destructive tsunamis. The location was around 45 miles from Ovalle, in the 4th Region in the ocean. To say it was terrifying would be an understatement.

Daily there are numerous strong replicas between 4.5-6.9. Friday night, a 6.8 shook for 3 long minutes. If you have ever been in a quake, you will know that is a long time!

Because the massive quake was in the ocean, tsunamis swept along the coast in less than 30 minutes. In Coquimbo, tsunami waves reached a height of 15 ft above sea level, and continued to push waves for hours. In Chile, when the ground shakes severely or the alarm sirens blast, Chileans know that they must move to higher ground quickly or possibly be swept away.

Chile is residual. She knows this is part of her history & her future. As of now, less than 15 have lost their lives. Most damage has occurred due to tsunamis. When structural damage occurs, investigation is made to see if the construction was built according to their strict codes.



Illapel - near epicenter



Ovalle - roof fell near where we live



Valparaiso - tsunami alert to evacuate low-lying coastal areas, the way of life in Chile



Serena - El Faro/Lighthouse



La Serena - Ave del Mar after the tsunami



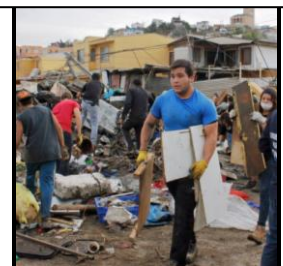
La Serena Mall - P. Guillermo & family were sitting here eating when the 8.3 earthquake struck. Ceiling pieces fell & glass exploded everywhere. Located less than a mile from the ocean.



Coquimbo - The aftermath of the tsunamis



Wading through devastation



Recovering what is left

On Sept.16, the initial earthquake occurred without a notice. Chile was already in celebration mode since the 18 was their annual Independence Day, which usually last at least a week. In the past, the week of the 18th was usually full of music & celebration, people dressed as huasos (cowboy) & dancing the Cueca. The aroma of BBQ meat was in the air with hungry family & friends gatherings & playing games/soccer. Chilean flags flew everywhere. Instead, this 18th people slept in the street, no water, no electricity, & in some cases, no home, with continual seismic shaking(with noise that come with most quakes)strong enough to destroy other cities. Government warns of possibly a stronger quake. Even the bravest is saying "How much longer?"

In the midst of this emotional exhaustion, hearts have been open to the Lord. Many, many have surrendered their lives to Jesus. Instead of music and merriment, there is seriousness about today since many thought it was the end of the world. Worship is now on their lips & gratitude in their hearts for the protection of the Lord over their families.

Please pray for the 4th Region of Chile. Thank you for your caring & sharing.

In His vineyard together for His honor and glory,

Sid & Kathy Luke

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