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Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised...

One generation shall praise Your works to another,

And shall declare your mighty acts.

Psalms 145:3-4

Before you read on please take a moment and pray for Columbia. A recent 7.4 Earthquake has been devastating for much of the country. The region of Tolima has also been ravaged by wildfires. Our church in Ibague is ministering to families affected by them. May the light and hope of Jesus's love meet those in need.

Dear Friends and family,

Thank you for your constant prayers and encouragement. Thank you for sharing in the blessed craziness of our life in Christ! We are so excited about what God is doing throughout the world. Please bring the following prayer requests before the Father with us giving thanks for what He has done, for what He is doing and for what He will do...

Since January Doug has been in Ralco four times with teams working on the cabins and creating community with the Pewuenche people. This is the third cabin. The cabins are beginning to generate income to help the ministry in Ralco become self-sustainable. Thank you for your faithful commitment to this project!

Doug started May with a research trip to Uruguay. At the end of the month, he was in Ecuador for a special wedding, one of our pastors' daughters, and to work with a team that has been an incredible blessing to our Childrens Center in el Recreo.

Praise God for what He is doing in Ralco and Ecuador! Ask Him how He would have us be a part of what He is doing in Uruguay.



Tono and Janet have been a part of Oriente since it started in our home. Tono was an electrician until God called him into ministry. Tono went on to pastor Oriente for 14 years before God called him south to start our works in Los Angeles and then in Ralco. His son David studied to be a chef and is now serving with IAMs Retreat and Ministry Center in Spain. David was sent out by Oriente in June. Before the summer is over the center Monte Olivos, will have hosted 1,245 people. That's a lot of food!

The first two weeks in August, Pastors and their wives from Ecuador, Columbia and Chile were in Venezuela. This team went to do evangelism training and evaluate the possibility of a new church plant as well as earthquake relief. Pray for discernment and that God would lift up His church.

Doug will be traveling to Thailand August 27 where he will meet up with Luis Diego. They will be exploring a new opportunity for Luis Diego and Andrea to return to Thailand and continue ministering to women coming out of sex trafficking. Please pray for discernment in this potential new partnership.

From Thailand Doug will continue to Kurdistan where he will be teaching a class on Spiritual Warfare and attending the third graduation of Hiwa (Hope) Bible Institute. Our Institute is recognized by the government there as is our church. Doug arrives back in Chile on September 14.

With the increased costs of travel, we would invite you to be a part of financing these trips. You can designate any special gifts as (Kallestad Thailand/ Iraq travel).

Sept 27-October 7 Doug will be in Ecuador leading a team from Giving University to explore the possibility of developing new partnerships for investment in major evangelistic and social projects in Ecuador..



IAM's heart is missions, we call it our DNA. God is multiplying that DNA.

God can use your life to reach the nations. He wants us all to somehow be a part of what He is doing.

Our Father rejoices to have His children join Him in the glorious mix of His plans and purposes

that the nations may know His love.



When God provided land for Oriente in the mid-90's and we started to build everyone would come out to help including families and kids. The women made lunch over a bonfire while the kids gathered giant weeds or found a hammer so they could help too! So what do you do when you don't have a crane to lift the metal trusses for the roof? You find a way to make it happen and move forward! Doug is standing on our team leaders back, Jeff Phillips. Jeff and Kathy will soon be celebrating 50 years of ministry in Chile and beyond. We are so thankful that many years ago this young couple was willing to trust God and take a huge leap of faith stepping out into His harvest.

Family Fun Stuff...We have been incredibly blessed to have three grandbabies born within four months!



Alani Mae, Kyle and Vale's first child was born on December 2nd in Chile.



Lori and Daniel had their third son who was born in Arizona on February 2nd, Caleb Carter Mateo.



Brad and Niki had their first baby, a boy, on March 29th in Seattle, Ezekiel Douglas. Many of you prayed for both of us, mom and baby, when Niki was born. Niki arrived early weighing just less than 3 pounds. The team of Doctors attending me in a different hospital were waiting the time required by Chilean law before declaring me brain dead. And God's people prayed! It is the reason we are here today. Thank you!

There's something about being a grandparent that burdens your heart with His story and makes you wonder if you've done not only a good job living it but telling it. Years down the line what will our children and grandchildren remember? In our last newsletter we spoke of God's faithfulness in Ecuador and how He worked through a man, an Ecuadorian shoemaker, to impact generations and a movement. You never know how God will use a life. That first research trip to Ecuador in 1991 was God's challenge to four small churches in Chile...

"Do you believe that I can use you to reach the nations?"

Together let's step out into whatever the next adventure is that God has on His heart
as the blessed craziness of our life in Christ continues! Doug & Shelly



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