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Dear Pastor Goodban and friends at Calvary Baptist Church

God is Good all the time. We are experiencing great things from God lately. The circumstances surrounding our ministry continue to be very difficult for the people of Chile. The economy is the worst we have seen in a very long time. The health of people here continues to decline rapidly. Their society is repeating the same bad errors that led to the economic collapse and military coup in the early 70s. There is much uncertainty in the air. Our border to the north is full of immigrants flooding in from less fortunate countries of South America, especially Venezuela. Yet God is transforming many lives, our services are almost back to pre-covid days, and we are seeing a harvest of souls.

Two of our churches are expanding their auditoriums to accommodate their increase in attendance, the churches in Copiapó and La Serena. Our newest mission with Pastor Abner recently baptized two. And our church in Iquique continues growing each week. This growth is not by transfers from other churches but by people who have come to find out why their saved friends have changed so much. Some examples of those finding new life in Christ:

Freddy and his family are from Bolivia and work in a graphics company in Iquique. He was not satisfied with his Catholic religion. He came to our men's meeting when somebody in the discussion brought up the false doctrine of Mariolatry. I knew that there was a visitor, and we tried not to start by offending a Catholic. Freddy opened with "I am a Catholic...," and I felt we had already lost him. But then he added that he had been struggling with the Catholic Church, especially this specific doctrine. He then said that this was precisely what he needed to hear. A few weeks later, Freddy received Christ in my office and should be baptized this coming Sunday.

Veronica is a friend of a lady in our church and began attending a while back. I later discovered that she was the religion teacher at a nearby Catholic School. She liked our services, but they left her unsettled. She asked to talk to me about a problem with her grown daughter. She listened attentively to my explanation of the gospel. She, too, bowed to receive Christ as her Savior. That afternoon, she took tea with two families in the church that remarked how different she was from the old Veronica. She had a smile and was very talkative compared to when she was always sad and quiet.

Amador is a Venezuelan that works and lives with some Cubans in the city. They also have been attending. He had been suffering emotional upheavals after a relationship went sour. Thinking about seeing a psychologist, he decided to visit our church. After three Sundays, he asked for an appointment with the Pastor to see if that would help. After giving him some strategies to deal with his pain, he listened intently to a presentation of the gospel and teary-eyed asked Christ to come into his life. You could see the transformation in his expression when he finished praying. He left, intending to continue attending and reading the Bible.

Thanks for all your prayers and faithful support. We are partners in bringing the precious seed of the gospel to the lost souls in Chile. The Lord bless you with eternal fruit for His Glory!

