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Dear Pastor Goodban and friends at Calvary Baptist Church

I am writing this letter on Thanksgiving Day in the city of Iquique, although here in Chile today is like any other. Hope has her ladies meeting this morning and we will have spaghetti for lunch afterwards (a quick option with little time to prepare). Last night our water was cut and could be cut for 3 days in our city off and on. We had to use creative means with little water stored to do our daily activities. Hopefully I will be ready with bottles to fill with water before they give us a half hour of water sometime later. But we don't need a holiday to give thanks to Our Lord for all He is and does for us. Paul says we should give thanks in everything (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

We give thanks for our church which has been flourishing lately. We have our services filled with visitors most Sundays and even midweek prayer meetings. We have seen young people saved like Renato and José, and adults like Romina and Santiago. We also have people finding us having searched for a Biblically-based congregation (not easy to find these days). We also have many of our converts trained and taking leadership roles within the church.

We also give thanks for our other churches Like Copiapó, La Serena, and Gracia (Iquique), that continue growing and expanding facilities for added growth. Two of our other works celebrated anniversaries last Sunday, Coquimbo celebrated 25 years and Bosque San Carlos 3 years. Our Iquique work also celebrated an anniversary of 15 years 3 Sundays ago.

We give thanks for our daily provision from God. As in the states, prices here continue to spike for everything, especially for groceries, gas, and utilities. We give thanks in everything, and especially because God isn't dependent on local or national economies. He is always Faithful, and we haven't been limited in our ministry due to the high prices.

We give thanks for our continuing health. Hope about a month ago suffered a blood clot just as we were 3 days from traveling to a missions' conference in the states. Hope was prohibited from flying and stayed home. We were thankful that our son Dustin (also a missionary in a nearby town) was able to stay with Hope during the time I was away. She is doing much better and despite our ages, we can continue serving our Lord in a full capacity until Our Savior returns (2 Corinthians 12:15).

We give thanks for each our faithful churches and partners for making this all possible. Each month we see the faithful offerings and financial support and understand that this comes from many partners with us who sacrifice to reach into many Chilean homes with the gospel. We are thankful for the 11 churches started and the two missions that are ready to be started. We thank God for your prayers, many loving gestures and financial support!

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