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Let's go to Chile:



We have been doing mission work in the country of Chile for the past 22 years. The work is carried out in four locations, La Cisterna, Puente Alto, San Bernardo, and Linares.

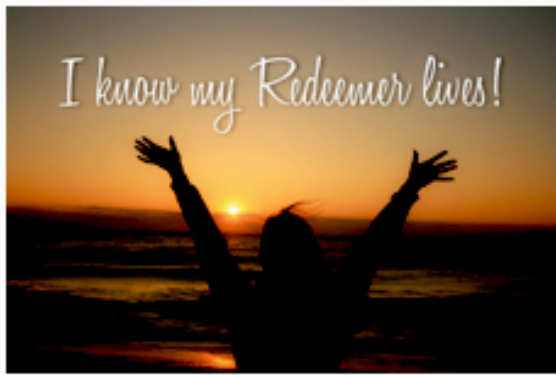
Aiding the work done is our Cross-stitch supported ESL program. **Chelsea Dietsche** tells us – “Over the past 10-15 years, several mission assistants have come to Chile to aid evangelism efforts by offering English classes to the community. Past teachers include Bill and Faith Krug, Sam Gullixson, and Rachel Khamrang. Offering English has been a useful way to directly reach the middle class and to meet new people in the community.

“I joined the Chile mission team (Rev. Tim and Mrs. Ellen Erickson) in October of 2011. Instead of rotating among our congregations as past teachers had done, I was to live and work completely in one area: Linares, about 4 hours south of Santiago, the capital. The idea was that if the English teacher would stay in one place, it would allow more opportunities to build longer and stronger relationships with non-church-goers.

“Originally, I worked very closely with the Linares pastor. During this time, I taught English in the church classroom, and when students expressed interest in spiritual questions, we would set up a time to converse together with the pastor.

“Due to circumstances, our pastor had to leave Linares. For the past 2 years, therefore, my focus has been on building the reputation of our English program, becoming more financially self-supporting, and giving more exposure to our Lutheran church here, as the Lutheran name is not very well known in this area of Chile.

“Friendship evangelism seems to be key in Chile. I share the Gospel message by teaching Bible stories every so often in class, and recently, we have brought another assistant to the mission in Linares. Aaron Landraff is teaching in public schools nearby and his Chilean salary is



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For a wonderful little video on the work being done in India with the orphans Cross-stitch supports there, please go to:

www.vimeo.com/120693938

You WILL enjoy this.



Besides the evangelism work being done by our ESL teachers in Chili the congregation at Linares is hoping to build a new church Pastor Erickson reported in the February *Helping Hands* newsletter. There are MANY opportunities available to help the people of Chili

Please do what you can to help. Contributions may be sent to:

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