Fahringer Family to ChilePRAYERETTER



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Dear Praying Friends-

¡Hola y buenas tardes! As May comes to an end, we have some very exciting news to share with you all. We have officially raised 100% promised support and are finished with deputation! We have returned to our home church this week in order to finish packing for shipping and, more importantly, work with the Chilean government to acquire a Temporary Residence Permit, which is their version of a visa. Lastly, we have purchased our one-way tickets to Punta Arenas. **We depart for our mission field on July 15!**

There is no way our family could have made it through the last 26 months of deputation without all of your prayers and without those prayers being answered by our always faithful God. This is most obvious to me in the answered prayers for safety in our travels. We drove more than 127,000 miles and flew more than 36,000 miles, all accident free! That doesn't mean there were not any close calls, but that means the Lord protected us through all the miles we traveled. There were many other answered prayers and miraculous events that I don't have space in this prayer letter to detail. One of the greatest things to come from deputation, for me as a dad, was all of the times our kids saw God answer prayers, and work out things that only He could have done. It has grown all of our faith in our Creator!

We visited a total of 116 churches during deputation and had the opportunity to worship with Christians from all over the U.S. and in multiple other countries. That opportunity alone made deputation worth it, and it is humbling to know that people from all over the world will read this letter and pray for my family and our ministry. I have come to learn that gathering prayer support from God's people is the key to deputation. A millionaire could self-fund himself as a missionary and head to the field without ever visiting a church on deputation. However, that person would be extremely poor in the most important thing, having the prayerful support of Christians, lifting him up before the throne of God. Because of you all, my family is truly blessed in the most important thing a missionary needs.

While visiting a church last month, and after I preached on the need to handout Gospel Tracts, I learned of a lady in her 90's that was faithful to handout tracts anywhere and everywhere she went. She was too ill to be in church that Sunday, but we were invited to meet her at her house as she had just been released from rehab. This lady is an amazing saint of God, and it was clear that she loves the Lord and is faithful to share Him every opportunity she has. I was asked to pray with her before we left and a thought hit me so powerfully while I was praying that I was almost unable to finish. The thought was that someday this lady would hand out her last tract. She won't know it is her last time to hand someone a Gospel Tract, but it will be. Then I realized, that truth applies to all of us. We will never know when we will take our last breath and step into eternity. Likewise, we will never know when that moment comes that we hand someone our last tract, or we share Jesus with someone for the last time. We have got to get busy while we still can!

With less than fifty days before we leave the United States for Chile, we have some specific prayer requests. First, and foremost, is for the process of obtaining our temporary residence permit. Chile has made some immigration changes since we started deputation, and the requirements have gotten harder. Besides not being able to stay longer than 90 days in Chile, we cannot even buy a car without an assigned national number (kind of like our SSN). Our next biggest prayer request is with regards to the process of shipping our stuff to Chile. Even though we have already purchased our plane tickets, we have not yet paid for the luggage, mostly because we are not sure yet how much we are bringing on the plane, versus what we are shipping. We are working with both the airlines and a shipping company in order to find the most economical way, but we are anticipating at least \$10,000 between the two. Plus, we have no idea what Chile will charge us as import/duty/tariffs. This is worrisome as they tend to charge more when you have duplicates of things, even Bibles and tracts. Please also pray for the sale of our van as we need as much as possible to put aside for a vehicle in Chile.

Finally, as we are in the process of packaging our stuff to ship, we need a few more things for ministry. We have been gifted 25 Spanish Bibles from one of our supporting churches as well as 5,000 Spanish tracts from another. We would like to add another 25 Bibles and 50 Spanish hymnals. We have also learned that it will be very expensive to print tracts in Punta Arenas, so we want to acquire at least another 20,000 tracts. If your church is interested in helping us with this, please reach out to me via cell or email to coordinate, especially with the Bibles or hymnals. Also, please pray for our children. They are excited and ready to go, but they are also realizing that time with family and friends is short. An example of this is that Victoria will celebrate her 16th birthday on our first full day in Chile.

Thank you to each and everyone of you who have been a part of our journey so far. I am looking forward to our next prayer letter to you all, coming from our mission field!

In Service of the King of Kings-

Geoffrey, Kara, Victoria, Noah, and Anastasia Fahringer

