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The Zeal of the Lord

“Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this” (Isaiah 9:7). When someone is pumped about getting a job done, their zeal drives them on and makes it happen. What is it that God will stop at nothing to do? Establish his worldwide and everlasting kingdom at the return of Jesus Christ to the earth.

Politics don't really excite me, but they do increase my desire for justice, truth, and godliness to win the day once and for all when the King comes!



We are thankful that the nationwide vote on October 25 was peaceful and quiet. The measure to write a new constitution overwhelmingly passed, so another election in April will elect 155 representatives to write the new document, and then another vote in two years will approve or reject the new constitution. As you can imagine, this will greatly disrupt the political and economic stability of the country. We appreciate your prayers.

We are thanking the Lord that Bekah received a request from Immigration this past month for another document. We were pleased to see some movement on her residency application (the last movement was in February). Mark's still hasn't been touched since December. Please continue to pray.

Our city advanced to “phase 3” this past week, removing all lockdowns except the nightly curfew. Since we now have freedom to move around the city on the weekends, that gives us the opportunity to gather on the Lord's Day! We still cannot all gather in our new building since churches are subject to a multitude of restrictions. We plan to continue our Zoom meetings and make available a couple of homes to watch together and have a time of singing and prayer afterward since there are no restrictions on personal gatherings of up to 25 people.

We ask prayer for our teammates, Andrés and Cle, as they look for an apartment to move into December 1. The lockdown has wreaked havoc on the rental market. Please pray they could find the right apartment in the right area for the right price. We appreciate your prayers.



We have mentioned many times our bi-weekly Bible study with Cote, Angela, and Adrián. Their desire to know God's Word and apply it to their lives is a blessing to us and many others.

Thank God with us:

- For his grace in safety and health each day.
- For his grace in the spiritual growth of our church family.

Pray to God with us:

- For his grace to be consumed with zeal for God's will like Jesus was (John 2:17).
- For his grace as our church seeks to proclaim the gospel here in Antofagasta.
- For his grace in the ongoing waiting process for our permanent residency documents (17 months so far).

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