

# Brotherly Love

It can't be stated more simply: brothers dwelling together in unity is good and pleasant (Ps 133:1). As all the Jewish men of the nation (and sometimes their families) traveled to Jerusalem three times a year for a week of "required worship," they reminded themselves that it was a good thing to be together worshipping God. It was probably

hectic (cf. Luke 2:41–46), uncomfortable, possibly difficult, but it was worth it to worship God together. It was pleasant, like the fragrant anointing oil running down Aaron's hair and beard and dripping off his priestly garments (Ps 133:2). It was refreshing, like the dew that fell on Mount Hermon, feeding the Jordan River, and running down almost 120 miles to water the Shephelah, the Jewish hill country around Jerusalem (Ps 133:3).

We thank God for the unity he has given to our church in Antofagasta, and regularly pray that we will abound more and more in brotherly love (1 Thess 4:10). This past month, our church took a step forward, unanimously, electing another elder to join our leadership team.

Please pray for Andrés, Adrian, Marco, and me as we seek to lead, teach, and care spiritual for this group of brothers and sisters in Christ.

This month has seen us getting used to our new location (the mission house in Antofagasta), closing out our apartment, and taking a trip to the United States, as Mark was honored to officiate the wedding of our good friends' daughter. We thank God for good health and safe travels. We celebrated Chilean independence on the 18th of September with our teammates, and Bekah had a birthday. A couple in our church got married, and we celebrated God's good gift of marriage with them.

When we return, we will begin several weeks of travels: Bekah will go to Santiago for a pastors' wives' retreat with Cle and Angela. Mark and Andrés will fly to the south of Chile for a tri-country pastors' conference with the men from Chile, Argentina, and Uruguay. We are looking forward to times of refreshing and ministry opportunities and we ask your prayers for safety and good health.

## Thank God with us:

- For his grace in our transition to the new house.
- For his grace in teaching our church to love one another (1 Thess 4:9).
- For his grace in safe travel to the United States this past week.

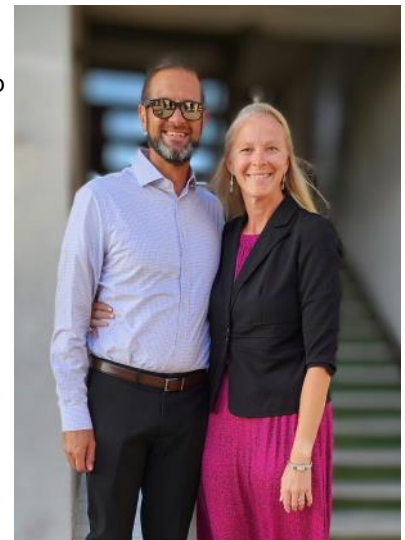
## Pray to God with us:

- For his grace for our brothers and sisters in Antofagasta to continue abounding in brotherly love for one another.
- For his grace in the life of a new elder for our church.
- For his grace in various upcoming travels.

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