

They All Died in Faith

The writer of Hebrews provides a list of witnesses against those who would turn back from believing in Jesus to try to return to Old Testament Judaism. These individuals were examples of faith in God that persevered through difficulty and opposition, and by so doing, they pleased God. Hebrews 11:13 gives us this summary statement: “These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them

afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.” Even though they never received all that God had promised, they persevered in faith until death. Their faith prompted them to admit there was more to life than this earthly existence—they were just foreigners and aliens here, looking forward to something better and permanent. We, too, want to live out our time in faith as foreigners (1 Pet 1:17).

Last month we checked in briefly from our annual missionary conference in Chivilcoy, Argentina. It was good to spend time with our GMSA missionary colleagues, to pray together, and to hear encouragement from God’s Word. We are thankful for our teammates and what God is doing through them in South America. It was a warm week, and we enjoyed the pool in the afternoon and the air conditioning in the evening. After just two days back in Antofagasta, we left again, this time for Massachusetts, where we were met with windy winter gusts as we walked out of the airport—talk about a change of season! We spent two weeks with one of our supporting churches there, and although it was cold and snowy outside, we enjoyed warm fellowship. Now we are back to the sticky, hot late summer days in Antofagasta, and we are looking forward to resuming our normal routines again.

We appreciate your prayers for us. We want to please God by our faith that perseveres in spite of difficulties and uncertainties, because He who promised is faithful (Heb 10:23).

Thank God with us:

- For his grace in many travels already this year.
- For his grace in our trip to Argentina and the United States this past month.
- For his grace in the advance of the gospel here and around the world.

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Pray to God with us:

- For his grace to please him by faith that perseveres despite difficulties and opposition.
- For his grace in the lives of our brothers and sisters here in Antofagasta.
- For his grace in wisdom for future ministry.

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