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The church, founded by Jaime Escobar and Mike Boyce, was started in our neighborhood as a house church.





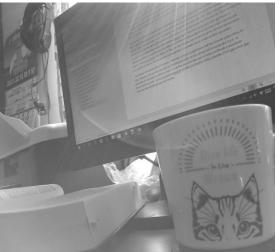
INSTITUTE

Mike started an Institute a little over a year ago. He's been working to find the model that best fits the culture.

TRANSLATION

Tabi has been working on several translation ministries. Her website, Preguntas Teológicas is one, and the other is the College Press NIV Commentary on





NEWSLETTER

The days are getting shorter, and the air crisper. People are back from vacations and we're back in the swing of things. What are we doing? Well, I'm glad you asked!

We have several ministries about which we'd love to tell you. Read on to know about our church, Mike's teaching minstry, Tabi's translation ministy, and several other interesting events that have occurred in the last couple of months!



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Iglesia de Cristo Maipo

We are happy to inform that Iglesia de Cristo Maipo is doing well. We've gained some new members, and we're struggling to keep others (we're trying to keep in touch with the ones that haven't come back). Mike and Jaime are back to their preaching rotation. Todd and Dany (visit their website Christian Chile Mission or their YouTube channel) have returned from their furlough and have been actively participating in the church, as well.

We had another baptism! If you'll remember, Joanna and her son, Nico, were the first people who got baptized at our church. We are now happy to report that Roberto, husband and father, has joined the family of Christ!

We are also happy to report that the church has outgrown the space of a house, and will be renting a bigger space. We are excited to see the growth, and we are so thankful for any prayers you might have lifted up about that.







Ministries

The Institute

The Institute, as previously mentioned, is going through a transition phase. The church that was its base of operations before could no longer provide that, so we moved it to another church. This church is in a less central location, but closer to the majority of the students who attend.

The format has also changed from four two-hour classes weekly to one seminar-style presentation every other Saturday. It seems to be going well, but we're still trying to see how it will go.

Adaptation to culture is important when one is trying to provide a ministry, as a missionary. We are trying to find the best way to reach the greatest amount of students, while still retaining a quality education. Prayers for this ministry are much appreciated.

Mike also spent many hours rewriting his Basic Bible Doctrine course. It is now the length of a book, and full of great information for his students.

Translations

Tabi continues her work on translation, alternating her focus between translating the NIV Commentary on Romans, and articles for Preguntas Teológicas. In March, she also published a series on baptism, something she has been wanting to do for a while. During the Easter weekend, the website received over 1,300 visits in one day, and almost 4,000 visits over the whole weekend. These numbers are not the usual, of course, but it was exciting to see the website meeting needs at a time when people have questions.

The work on the commentary continues at a steady pace, a few pages at a time. It's heavy, but rewarding work. The nice thing about translation is that it's work that can be done, even when someone is feeling a little "under the weather".

Tabi also received several copies of a previous book she had translated. Several have already been placed in the hands of eager readers.

Events

Birthday Party-- On a lighter note, our children both have birthdays in April, so we had a "double" birthday for them to celebrate. It was a lovely little party, and the kids had fun.

Retiro at El Tabo-- Mike went to a retreat in El Tabo for the weekend of the 19th and 20th. Due to allergies, Tabi was unable to go and stayed home with the kids. Mike was scheduled to give two lessons during the two days– one about the Cross, and one about Family. As it turned out, one of the other speakers wasn't able to make it, so Mike then had to write another segment about the family. It was a busy time! He enjoyed the fellowship and fresh air, though.

Easter Sunday-- The first Sunday that the church was in our new place was Easter Sunday. We didn't have a big party, but the special service did focus on the resurrection. The children were give Easter Story egg baskets, which have Scriptures in them, as well as a little object that connects to the passage. These are designed so that the children can tell the story to anyone else. We hope and pray the Word that they get used, and not just stored away and forgotten.







This restaurant is also the place that we will be using as a meeting place going forward, until we can find a place of our own. We have outgrown a house church setting, so now we need a bigger place. We're still trying to keep the family feel of it, by keeping the tables and serving breakfast, though. Thank you for all your prayers on behalf of the church.





Finally, we'd like to let you know that Mike will be travelling to the United States in July, to a quick trip to visit churches and camps. We are excited about this, and would love to be able to get that time planned out as soon as possible. Please contact us for more information regarding specific dates and times.

And that's what we've been up to! See you next update!

In Him,

The Boyces

