

Under the Southern Cross

Growing Pains in Green Mountain

June 2015

The church plant in **Monteverde** (*Green Mountain* in English) is like a growing tree—prosperous and thriving. Praise the Lord with us for the progress over the three years since Curtis took on general oversight of this work. With every gain, there are also difficulties:

- The “church” building is one side of a 2-story duplex. It worked for a smaller group, but is a very tight squeeze for an attendance of 30+ on a regular basis! The congregation is saving for a different property where they will be able to stretch and grow. Pray they’ll be able to move to a bigger space in God’s time.
- The neighbors are antagonistic and have caused trouble. Pray our folks may be winsome and win them!
- The congregation has yet to be organized with permanent leadership (elders/deacons). There is a need for training of solid men and for the commitment of all the believers to use to their spiritual gifts for God’s glory and others’ benefit. Pray for spiritual maturity in Monteverde.

- The Joy of Serving ladies’ program has been put on hold for a while due to the small number of students in Santiago. Please join us in praying for God’s direction for the future. Next semester Diane will be piloting some women’s ministry ideas with Chilean missionary **Juanita Tranamil** in Monteverde.
- Curtis teaches two Bible institute course this upcoming semester, plus preparing for a baptism in Monteverde. Pray for the Bible institute ministry.

Through a contact of former missionary colleagues, Fred & Sherry Vallette, in May we started to visit **Janette**, a mother from Antofagasta (1300+ km north) with a Downs syndrome baby in Santiago’s principal children’s hospital. Due to complications at the place she was living, Janette came to stay with us about a month ago. She spends most of every day at the hospital. Please pray for little **Adolfo**’s speedy recovery from his third surgery on June 25; for the father and two other sons back in Antofagasta; and that we might be a testimony and encouragement to this family that needs the Lord.



During the month of July we travel to North America for mission administrative meetings in Florida, a visit with parents in BC and Maine, and a family reunion with our daughters and grandchildren in WV. **Christina** will be returning to Chile for her final exams in German. **Emily** needs a job as she finishes her 2 years in China.

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After three years of practical ministry in Monteverde, **Luis Cordero** was officially installed as pastor on June 14. He has a full-time job as an English teacher and a young family as well. Please pray for his wife, **Ginette**, and children (Sofia, 4, and Daniel, 4 mos.) and for their continued growth and development in the ministry. Pray also that the church would eventually be able to take on their full support.