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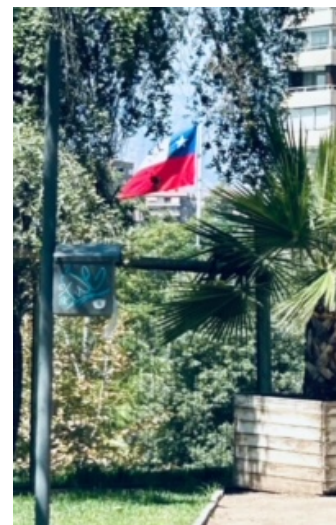
Greetings from Chile! We're excited to finally be in Santiago. We've been here about 12 days and will put out an update every month.

We flew from Texas on the evening of 20 February 2024 and arrived the next morning in Santiago de Chile. The flight felt like it went by quickly. Ginger's coworkers arranged to pick us up and deliver us to our short-term apartment. We reserved it for a month but we are looking for a permanent apartment to rent in a decent part of the city. A middle-class area would do, particularly if it were close to Ginger's office.



We met with our supervising Missionary, Brother Joey Bir, and his wife. We look forward to working with them over the next three years (the term of Ginger's contract). We are attending church services in an area of the city called Ñunoa. It feels exactly like home missions in the United States, except it's in Spanish. Most of the Chileans love to take their vacations in the summer (December through February in the southern hemisphere) so many of the saints were out of town. We look forward to a bigger congregation in a week or two.

Our first focus is to learn the Spanish language since it is almost impossible to do effective missionary work if you can't speak to anyone. At first, taking time out for classes seems like a hindrance but in the longer view, it will help immensely. I signed up for Spanish language school and began on Monday, March 4. It's pretty intense but I am enjoying it. I am fairly sure that in about a month my



brain will be on fire. But it will be worth it! My current goal is to attempt preaching and teaching without a translator in six months. Is this possible? Maybe. We'll find out. Keep us in your prayers! :) It helps to be immersed in the culture and the language because we hear and use it all the time.



The weather here is similar to San Diego or Los Angeles. Outside the city, it looks exactly like the countryside outside San Diego, California. It's hot but not terrible and it's not humid. There is excellent public transport but it's like any large city. There are good parts and there are bad parts. There are rich neighborhoods and there are poor neighborhoods. My understanding is that most of the churches are in the poor neighborhoods.

If you would like to contact us by phone, please use WhatsApp. It is free for everyone and it allows free phone calls, text messages, and video calls across the most common devices. It only requires access to Wi-Fi. WhatsApp is free, has good connections, and is encrypted. Most of the missionaries I know use it. Many ex-pats also use it. We are going to be suspending our AT&T account because it would be just too expensive to use regularly. For people inside Chile, we will be getting a local phone service. So if you're not here in Chile, please download and use WhatsApp to contact us. We will give you our new contact information so we can stay in touch. You can still email me at [rocktorock8@gmail.com](mailto:rocktorock8@gmail.com).

We appreciate everyone's interest and prayer support! To God be the glory!

Bill and Ginger Fussell

