

Hola from Chile!

Now for another installment of alternative missionary housepets: This particular critter is not technically a “housepet” since he only came for a brief visit... He flew in our window just to say “hi” in a buggy sort of way! We furvently expressed our desire that he depart!



Likewise, in another installment of alternative missionary entertainment...



This makes me wonder if there is a school somewhere that trains all these people in independant circus acts??? They are literally everywhere when the weather is good. In the States you might find an occasional person that can juggle or ride a unicycle but the quantity of people here with such high levels of skill is amazing. I mean, they are really good! This guy was keeping the soccer ball from touching the ground using his feet and head while he was juggling! All in front of the stopped oncoming traffic. He would do this for 30-40 seconds (I think), then walk down the row of cars hoping for a handout, then go to the edge of road while traffic resumed, and do it all again

when the light turned red.

Ginger and I made an outing to Patio Bellavista a couple weekends ago. It was a bit “touristy” but we saw some interesting stuff. There were chess sets made of marble and lapis lazuli (the semiprecious blue stone found only in a very few parts of the world



including Chile) and a domino “bandoleer”. I suppose this is perfect for those dire emergency gaming sessions that might arise. It’s good to be prepared!



On our way home we stopped at the Chilean Wool Festival where Ginger got a few samples and we were entertained by a small band with a chinchinera. These are street performers that carry a drum on their backs and they strike them with long drumsticks held backward. There are cymbals on top of the drum and they're attached by a cord to their foot so when they step a certain way with the rhythm it rings out. I've tried to attach a Youtube video so you can see it in action but if it doesn't work, Google "Chinchineros of Chile". I was told that there are just a few families here that practice the art and pass it down to their children.



It seems we also have a new drummer at church! Bro Dante is enthusiastic but his reach is currently lacking... No doubt he will grow into it! :) Start 'em early!



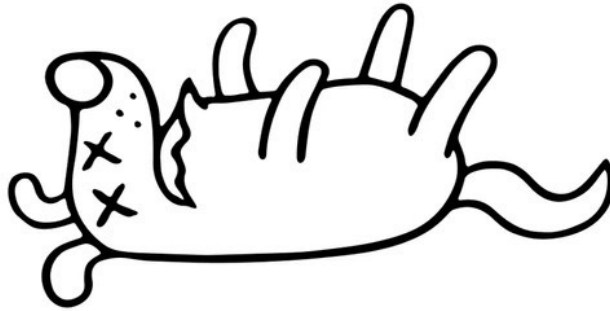
In the church, I have just completed teaching the book of Romans. It was well received and the pastor requested more teaching. They are enjoying it. We agreed that I will begin teaching the book of Revelation with many of its supporting prophecies beginning next week so I'm busy prepping the lessons and translating them into Spanish (and German)! During the break Pastor Poblete is teaching on stewardship, etc. Both Ginger and I are getting to where we can understand most of the preaching in Spanish without a translator! Progress! Progress!

GL (who I was privileged to baptize before Christmas) and his family have moved back to Venezuela! There are lots of Apostolic churches there and we request prayer that God continues to lead them. We are planning to meet online once they are settled in.

Also we ask that you pray with us that God will open more doors for connections with those that are hungry for God. We love winning souls! There is nothing else quite like it!

Until next time, enjoy a nice cup of coffee while you think of us, but whatever you do, as the Chileans say:

*don't "do a dead dog!"*



(It means to leave the restaurant without paying the bill!)

Dios le bendiga! (God bless you!)

Bill and Ginger

