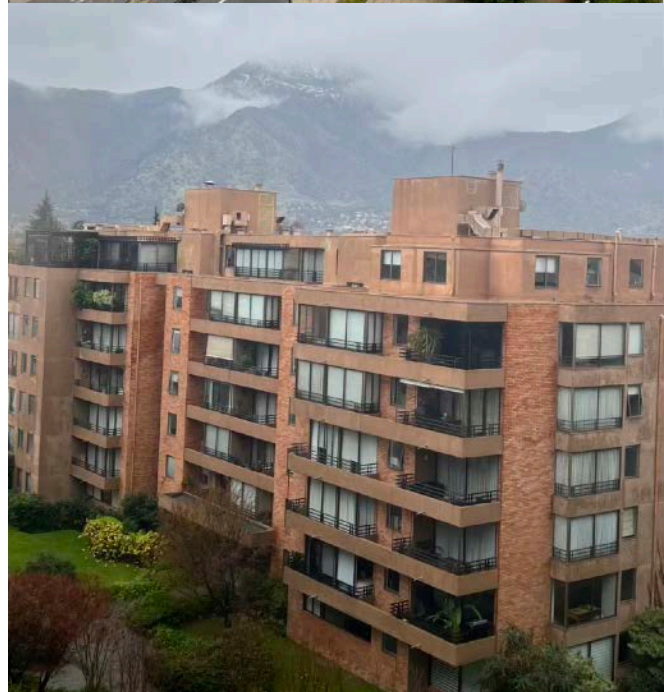


Hello from Chile!

Winter has definitely arrived in Santiago! I've included a lot of pictures. It seems like the month of June went by in a flash!

The weather here has been about like the weather in Los Angeles, or like my hometown, San Bernardino, California. Thus far it has not dropped below freezing, but we do get snow on the hills behind our apartment. 50°F and 60°F is considered cold here. Some people even start wearing winter coats. It can get hot but it's usually not over 80° or 90° in the summer and that doesn't last very long. We had a storm, the

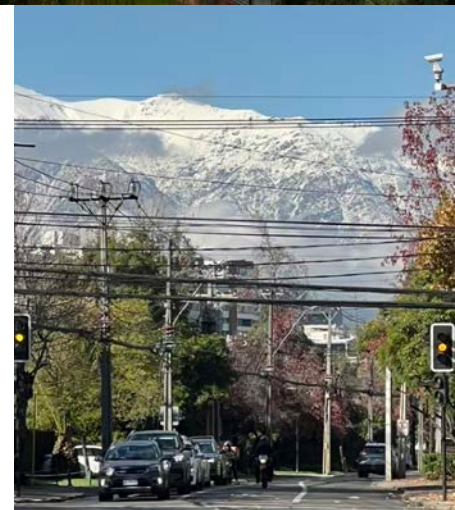
one shown in the pictures,



but before the storm it had been dry, so the river had almost no water in it.

The picture

of the bridge on the left shows just a trickle of water. The other shiny things are just rocks. After the storm, the water in the river rose again, and you can see it here with the



Costanera tower looming over it. If they don't get snow in the mountains, they can have a drought here. It looks like we'll be good for next year!

I did finish the three classes that I had at the University of Chile for Spanish for Foreigners. I should be able to move up the next semester starting in August. We get our winter break in the middle of your summer. Our Spanish is slowly improving, and we are now able to understand much more when people are talking to us. We are trying to figure out how to use AI to help us create sentences in Spanish that we will actually use. It looks promising, but we'll see how it turns out.

We have been able to do some Bible study and pray with a few people. Please continue to pray that the Lord opens their hearts and leads them to him. Sometimes working with people is slow, but it's still exciting! We know that God has everything in his hands! I have continued teaching in the church and online three times out of every two weeks. It's been very well received, and we are trying to record the different lessons in both English and Spanish so that other people can hear them. We will let you know how it goes. Here is a group of guys from the local church:



From left to the right: Pastor Cesar Poblete; Missionary Joey Bir; myself, Felipe; and the brothers Lima. Fine folks all around! These guys really do a great job!

And now for: ***Alternative Missionary Sustenance!*** I have determined that my life



would be substantially lacking if I were not allowed to eat one of these pastries at least once a week for the rest of my life. I don't remember what this is called, but it always looks like this one on the left. I'm pretty sure that these will be available when we sit down in the Kingdom of God with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. How could it be heaven without it? Inconceivable! Seriously, if you ever get to South America or go to a South American pastry shop, you have to try one of these!

And it's always good to have coffee with it. We have a Spanish tutor as well as classes, and we meet at a reading room/ bookstore. They sell coffee and pastries there, and I am now recognized by the staff! They greet me by name and they already know what I want. How cool is that? The barista made this coffee with the cream formed in the picture of a pig. I thought it was cute so I decided to share.



Coca-Cola has gone Chilean!

You've probably seen Coke cans in the United States with peoples name on them? They have them here too. You can get cans with names like Juanita and José on them. But those are common Spanish names. On this can they printed "Pololo". It's the



Chilean word for boyfriend! They also have "Polola" (girlfriend), as in "Ginger es mi polola!" "Ginger is my girlfriend!", and wife as well!



Chilean expression: It's "Manos de Guagua" (pronounced "Wa Wa") It means "The hands of a baby". It signifies someone who is "stingy" because a newborn baby's hands are usually clenched tightly.

That's all for this month. Thank you for your prayers and God bless you all!

And here is another

Bill and Ginger

He wants to be a
Alternative Missionary
Housepet
but we did
not let him in...

