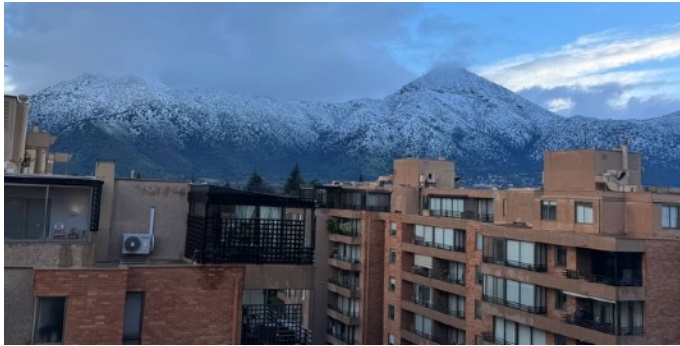
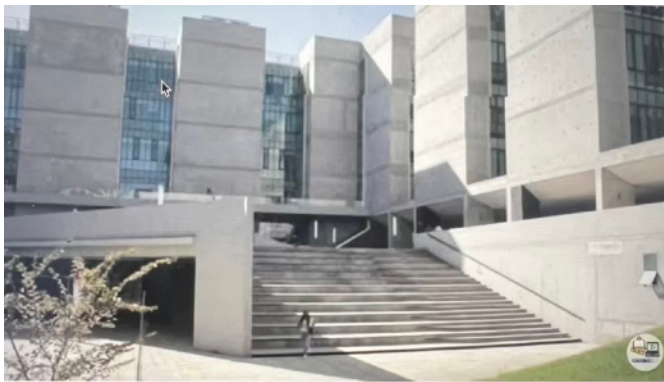


Greetings from Chile!

Winter has slammed into us full force in August. It even dipped close to freezing at least once, which is unusual for the city. The climate here is usually very much like Los Angeles, California - temperate most of the time and hot in the summer. But the mountains around us have been beautifully snow-covered. I like cold weather and winter wherever we are in the world!



Check out our snow!

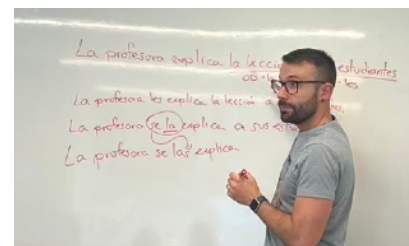


I began intermediate level Spanish classes at the University of Chile at the beginning of the month. Looking through the books, I discovered that much of this course is a review of earlier grammar lessons - but now the goal is to get us comfortable actually speaking with correct grammar. That means a lot more homework, which I appreciate! I don't necessarily "like" homework but I see its value!

This is the second-to-last course in Spanish for Foreigners. The final course will occur next fall (beginning in March in the Southern hemisphere). There are no classes during the summer - most of December, and all of January and February.

In my current class there are only two other students from my previous classes. For privacy I'll call them Jeffrey (from Asia) and Queenie (from Europe). Both have families with young children and plan to be in Chile for a while. We are slowly becoming friends. Please pray with Ginger and me that God will open their hearts to the gospel, and that He will give us wisdom in this.

One of the new students is from Ukraine. Her Spanish is already excellent, and she showed me how she uses ChatGPT to learn languages. She takes a Spanish book, highlights unknown words, snaps a picture, and asks ChatGPT to create a vocabulary list in her language. It can then be used to create natural-sounding example sentences with translations with the new words. Incredible! I've been trying some of this myself. It's very useful, though you have to be



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Glacier climbing anyone?  
This is Bro Manuel, one of  
the other ministers in the  
church here, in his natural  
element!

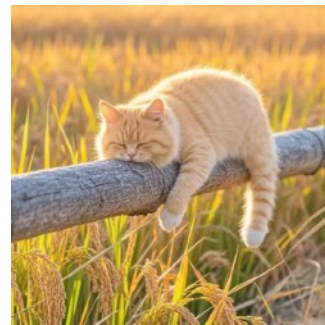
specific and not overload it. Still, what an amazing tool to help language learners.

Meanwhile, in the church we are continuing our study of the book of Revelation. We are about two-thirds finished. After consulting with Pastor Poblete, we decided to move to 1st Corinthians next. I will probably take a short break to prepare materials before beginning. In the past, I taught through the entire New Testament, book by book, but that was in English. Here, I must reformat and translate the lessons into Spanish. It is quite an effort! But I am happy to do it, and I pray that the hearers are blessed by it. If I can help only one person, let alone many, grow in their walk with God, it will be well worth it!

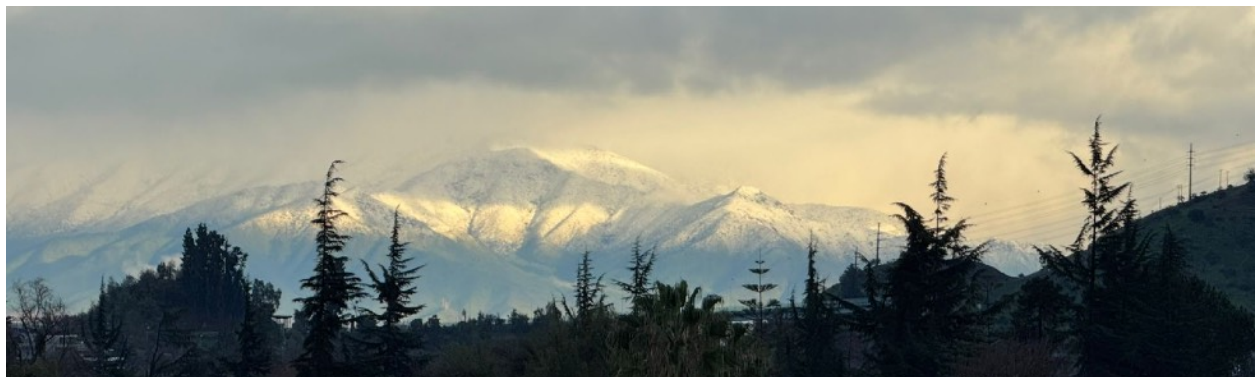
Over the years I've realized that in ministry we rarely get to watch someone's entire spiritual journey from beginning to end. Most of the time, God allows us to add a piece here and there: a word of encouragement, a teaching, a prayer. We may plant, we may water - but it is always God who gives the increase. Our job is to be faithful and trust Him with the results.

Thank you for your prayers and  
God bless you all!

Bill and Ginger



This is not an Alternative Missionary  
Housepet. It's just a great illustration  
of my growing appreciation for naps!



Pretty enough for a picture frame!