

Greetings from Chile!

I just finished my intermediate level Spanish course at the University of Chile! It was busy and a bit stressful, but now I'm done for the summer! There is one more semester to go to finish the classes available here. I heard from one of the students in the next course they include much more talking amongst the students. That should be useful. The same student told me that he works at an immigration clinic as a volunteer. He is an

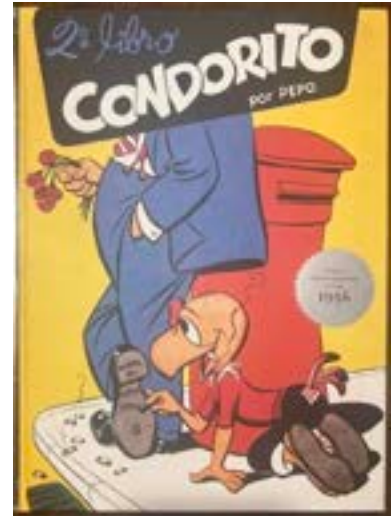


American Expat here as well and has been here for about five years. We are becoming friends. I will refer to him as KW. He had to go back to the states for about a month and a half, but when he returns, he said he might be able to get me into the clinic as well. What an awesome opportunity to use Spanish and interact with Chileans on a regular basis! Common, everyday Chilean Spanish is very different from normal South American Spanish and can't really be learned from books.

There are some limited publications, such as Condorito and Papelucho,

but the best way is to actually interact with Chilean people. Please help me pray about this, as it might be an excellent door to go through.

We have transitioned into the new church building! We received permission to renovate the interior, including lowering and extending the



This was the original cofiguration



Lifting the platform

platform to both side walls, which will greatly improve its functionality. We also added air conditioning and will be hanging our electronic screen from the ceiling. It will be great for posting song lyrics as well as other media that seems appropriate.

I have begun teaching through 1st Corinthians. Previously, I was teaching three times every two weeks, but we have now

increased to two services per week. There are about 16 lessons for this very useful and practical letter from the Apostle Paul so we should finish around February. Everyone



likes digging into the word of God and it is very encouraging! Also, the teaching has REALLY helped my Spanish improve! More so than the University classes!

The Chilean UPC National Conference was a week before Thanksgiving Day. We were blessed to

be invited to our Missionary Supervisors, Joey and Cristina Bir's house, to celebrate the holiday, where we also got to meet one of the



Bro. Manuel's (in the red shirt) wife said I looked like a little boy with a new toy!

She was exactly right!



great to see him again and catch up.

And this wouldn't be a really good update without...

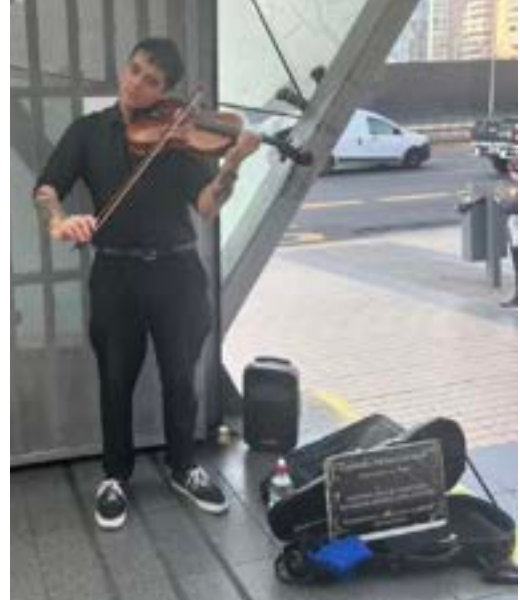
other local pastors and his wife. It was great food, fellowship, and a great day!

We attended National Conference, which was a tremendous blessing. The preaching was excellent, and there was strong encouragement in the presence of the Lord. During the conference, I unexpectedly ran into an old friend from Bible College, Shane Hayes. He served in Chile for years before pastoring a church in Texas. I didn't know he would be attending, so it was

Alternative Missionary Entertainment!

Gonzalo is a really great violin player and he even offers classes on how to play violin and viola. I would consider it, but I already have a guitar that I'm struggling to learn how to play! However, I am content to listen to him play from time to time. He has been outside the nearest metro station to our home several times and you can't miss him. He also does weddings!

One interesting feature in our area is a "castle" looking building, which really stands out. We've also came across this new style of window...



Do you think it'll catch on?

Thank you for your prayers and may God bless you all!

- Bill and Ginger

