



Fahringer Family to Chile



UPDATES FROM THE UTTERMOST AUGUST 2025

Dear Praying Family and Friends-

Hola y buenas noches from our new home in Punta Arenas, Chile. First and foremost, thank you so much to the churches and individuals that helped us out financially as we made the move from the US to Chile. The VBS and other special love offerings have blessed my family in a way you will never know. We are safe, we are on the mission field, and we are in a home in which each of us has a bed to sleep in. That would not have happened without your love and support. Thank you!

We have been in Punta Arenas for one month and we have many exciting updates to share with you. If you follow us on Facebook, then you already know our expected 22-hour trip here ended up over 40 hours. Praise the Lord, however, that when we did get to our Airbnb, all of our luggage (39 bags and bins) made it here as well.

The immigration process has been very difficult. After hitting a wall, I had to hire a Chilean immigration lawyer. This has cost us approximately \$4,000 that we had not budgeted for but was necessary. Since hiring the lawyer, the Chilean government has issued me approval to be in Chile as a missionary pastor. This required multiple documents, including a letter by a pastor in Chile who is already registered and approved by the government. Obtaining government permission to be here as a pastor of an approved religion, was the final thing we needed in order to apply for a residential religious visa. The approval process is supposed to take 4 to 6 months. Until then, we have to leave and reenter the country every 90 days.

We spent our first two and a half weeks here in an Airbnb while we searched for a place to rent. The process of finding a home here has been challenging and very unfriendly to foreigners. After looking at houses, condos, apartments and duplexes, we kept coming back to the same house. It has four bedrooms and is located just across the coastal highway from the Strait of Magellan. The other houses on this street are very expensive and rent runs more than double our budget. This is because the homes have been remodeled and updated to "modern" homes. This house has NOT been updated! The owner was asking too much for rent, so this house has been empty for about three years. The owner finally dropped the rent to a price that just happened to be within our budget. God was truly holding this house for us.

We are very blessed that each of our kids has their own bedroom. Even though the rooms are smaller than typical rooms in the US, our kids are very happy to have their own room after living in our van for the last two and half years. The house is located in a safer part of the city and has a gate with a fence. But here is the best part, the house already has a large room that is ready to be our first church plant. The entire side yard is enclosed, adding a side room to this house that is approximately 15 feet by 24 feet. All we need is about 40 folding chairs and a pulpit and we are ready to start having services. Unfortunately, we have faced some challenges in this older house as well.

First, we discovered that houses in Chile come with NOTHING. People literally take everything including their appliances and even kitchen cabinets when they move out. We had not planned on having to buy appliances just to move in. Also, as mentioned, the house is old and needs a lot of work that the owner will not do. I have already redone the plumbing in the bathroom and kitchen, as well as installed new cabinets. There are also some electrical issues. On our first weekend here, we lost power at midnight on Friday night. We were unable to get the power company out until 11AM the next morning to fix the problem. No power means no heat and the temp in the house dropped to 55 degrees. We lost power again last Sunday, but we were able to get the power company out within a few hours. It also took us almost two weeks to get internet.

Finally, we are in the process of buying a car. After weeks of searching, we believe we found a vehicle for our family. It's a basic model, Chinese made car without a lot of the upgrades found in American made vehicles. But it will work for our family, plus we will have a three-year warranty. The vehicle was a little over \$5K more than we got from selling our van but we are confident that God will provide. Unfortunately, there is a 15-day waiting period before we can pick up the car.

Please continue to pray for our visas, both for approval and in a timely manner. Also, please pray that we would learn the language quickly as well as adapt to a new culture. The culture shock is real, and not just for the kids.

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"...ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8