



# Fahringer Family to Chile



## UPDATE FROM THE UTTERMOST FEBRUARY 2026

Dear Praying Family and Friends-

Our family has been on the mission field for over 7 months now and much has happened since our last prayer letter. The biggest news is that we have officially planted our first church. Even though my plan was to wait at least a year, the Lord used a series of events as well as godly counsel from both my pastor and another missionary to make it clear that His will was to plant His new church here. So, on December 7, 2025, Iglesia Bautista Independiente de Magallanes held its first service. We have had Sunday School, Sunday morning, evening, and Wednesday services ever since. For 2026, our church theme is: **“Para la Gloria de Dios”** (“For the Glory of God”) from **Psalm 115:1**.

In our last prayer letter, we asked for prayer for a young lady we were witnessing to named Grisela. Praise the Lord, Kara and I were able to lead her to the Lord. On December 21, I had the privilege of baptizing Grisela in the Strait of Magellan. Even though it was the first day of Summer here, the water temperature was 47° and the outside temperature was 52°. Although cold, it was a wonderful testimony to Grisela’s family and a great opportunity to share the gospel with some of her coworkers. After the baptism, we had our first fellowship at our house/church.



We had a wonderful end to 2025 with special services on Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve. After church, we started a new family tradition as we rode our bikes along the coastal highway and brought in the New Year. As we counted down the New Year, we discovered that the city sounds the Tsunami warning siren at midnight and all the large vessels in the bay sound their horns as well. It was a great experience!

Although 2025 ended well, 2026 has been full of challenges. First, our heater stopped working in the early morning hours of January 1<sup>st</sup> and I was bit on my elbow by a Chilean recluse spider while trying to fix it. The pain only lasted for a few hours, but within a week my arm was swollen, and a bad infection was spreading. I was treated in the clinic with a bunch of IV medicine. After two more weeks and strong antibiotics, the infection and other aftereffects of the bite finally cleared. During this same time, Victoria broke her pinky finger, which also led to a few trips to the local clinic. Fortunately, our international insurance plan covered these trips. However, they are continuing to deny covering Noah’s medicine and we are paying \$1,700 out of pocket for his shots each month. Please pray that our insurance will stop denying these claims.

Our other major issue is that much of what we have ordered and tried to have shipped from the US has been “lost” in Chilean customs. For example, in December we ordered 2,000 Chick tracts. Although they arrived in Chile on January 14, they have been delayed in Customs ever since with no explanation or instructions to get them out. These are two of at least 7 packages that have been “delayed.” So far, I have not been able to get answers as to why these packages disappear or how I can get them released. I know I am not the first missionary in Chile to have this problem, but it is frustrating none the less. Also, we are still waiting for our residential visas to be approved. We had to leave the country again in January and reenter in order to restart another 90-day tourist visa. Our immigration attorney says we should hear something by March. This is a big prayer request as no visa means no Chilean phone or bank account. Leaving every 90 days is also a hassle.

Our final prayer request is for our continued language learning. After 7 months, we have picked up some of the language and we can get by in many day-to-day interactions. I am preaching all the services in Spanish, but only after translating my messages before and reading them while I preach. However, we are far from fluent and Chilean Spanish is proving to be very difficult. There is one language school in the city, but the \$3,200 price for our family is not in our current budget. If any church would like to make a special offering towards this, please let me know.

It is impossible to express the gratitude we have for all of the special love offerings for Christmas. To know that so many congregations are thinking of us, praying for us, and providing for us is humbling.

Thank you to all of you for your prayers, financial support, and love!

In Service of the King of Kings-

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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