



Fahringer Family to Chile

Update From The Uttermost November 2025

Dear Praying Family and Friends-

Hola y buen día from Punta Arenas, Chile. We have been on the mission field for 4 months now! The Lord has blessed us with a wonderful home and a reliable vehicle that is perfect for getting our family around town. We have also had many wonderful opportunities to minister and witness here. But first, let me tell you about the weather. The weather here is crazy! It is not unusual for it to be snowing and raining in some parts of the city while in our area it is blue skies and sunny. In fact, they say here that each neighborhood has its own weather. That is hard to believe considering the city is less than 3 miles wide and 5 miles long. Yet, because of the mountains in the west and the Strait of Magellan in the east, this phenomenon is true. Even when we have a clear sky over much of the city, the wind brings snow flurries from the mountains. We drove through snow twice last week alone while driving through town. The wind here is also intense. We regularly have wind gusts over 40 MPH, and we have had several over 60 MPH. However, the biggest issue here is the sunlight.

The day we moved here in July, the sun rose at 9:46 AM and set at 5:00PM. Now, just 4 months later, the sun rises at 5:52AM and will not set until 9:03 PM. We went from 7 to over 15 hours of daylight in just 4 months and the days will get even longer until December 21, when we will have 17 hours of sunlight on our first day of summer. Also, there is no daylight savings time here, so we are now 2 hours ahead of the Eastern Time Zone. The temperatures here range from the mid-twenties to the mid-fifties. That is the temperature here year-round, although we have had wind chills in the teens and a few afternoons when the temperature hit 60. On those days, we have seen families at the beach with kids swimming. I'm serious. At that same beach, about a mile south of our home, both a king penguin and a sea lion have come ashore since we moved here. The penguin stayed close to the beach, but the sea lion, which the Chileans call sea wolves, wandered into a neighborhood before being captured. We also have to deal with wild Patagonian horses that roam the busy city streets. These horses come down from the mountains in the wintertime looking for food. Sadly, three have been killed in different vehicle accidents in the city.

We still have not been approved for a residential visa. Our application was reviewed in mid-September, and we were asked to submit the original copies of some of our documents. At this point, everything is done and we are just waiting for final approval. Our lawyer has advised that it could be another 6 months as the immigration department is behind. We are praying to receive our visas much sooner. Until approved, we still have to leave Chile and reenter every 90 days. We are also unable to get a local cell phone or open a Chilean bank account, which makes living here and paying bills challenging. Please pray that our permanent resident visas are approved soon.

When our first 90 days expired last month, we took a ferry across the Strait of Magellan to the Island of Tierra del Fuego. We then drove to the Argentina side and spent the weekend with Missionary Raymundo Zacal and his family. I was able to teach during the Sunday School hour of their church, Iglesia Bautista Consejero, and Kara and I both spoke to the teens at a special youth event. It was a wonderful weekend with a great missionary family serving in Ushuaia. We were also able to visit the King Penguin Preserve, thus the pictures below.

We are still studying Spanish and learning the language. Chilean Spanish is very fast with a lot of regional slang, making it one of the more challenging Spanish dialects to learn. We are making progress, but we are not fluent yet. This barrier is the only thing keeping us from officially planting Magellan Independent Baptist Church, but we have not taken our eyes off that goal. Please pray for our language studies.

We have been blessed in that the Lord has planted another independent Baptist missionary here and that we can serve in their first church plant until we can step out on our own. I am preaching a bilingual English service on Sunday mornings, and the kids are serving through handling the audio and visual components and the livestream. With the challenges of the language and the culture, having another American missionary husband and wife here has been a real blessing. Plus, our family has been able to distribute over 700 tracts since arriving!

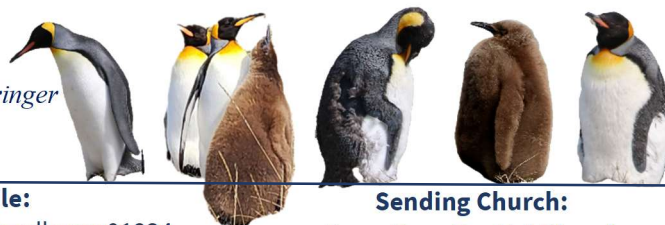
Finally, the Lord has given me my first disciple here. I met a young man in the Chilean military a few months ago who speaks English. His name is Kevin, and he has a testimony of salvation, however he was not living for the Lord. I got his number and kept in touch with him encouraging him to come to church. Last month, one of the soldiers in his unit was killed while riding his bike to the base here just outside the city. Kevin came under great conviction at the Catholic funeral for his lost friend as he realized his friend was now in hell. He also realized that most of the other soldiers in his unit would also end up in hell if they died today. The Holy Spirit has lit a fire under Kevin to do something about that. Now, Kevin is attending church regularly and I am working on discipling him as he yearns to grow in his Christian faith. Kevin has a girlfriend named Grisela and she is not saved. She does not speak English, but Kara and I are sharing the gospel with her with Kevin's help. Please pray for both Kevin and Grisela!

Lastly, we have confirmed with the Chilean post office that the below address is our actual mailing address. However, please know if you send a letter or card in the mail, it takes at least 60 days to get here. Thank you for your prayer support, your financial support, and your love.

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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