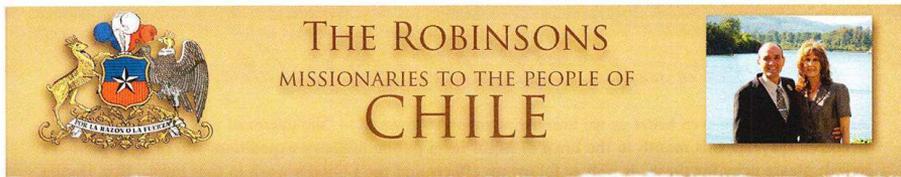




Grace Baptist Church is 
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For the Entire Family

Sunday January 3, 2016
<i>This Weeks Events</i>
Today: 10:00AM: (Grange)— <i>Sunday School</i> —Pastor Saloum 11:00AM: (Grange)— <i>Lord's Supper</i> —Pastor Saloum 6:00PM: (Grange)— <i>Advanced Bible.</i> —Pastor Saloum
<i>Upcoming Events</i>
April 24, 2016: 10:00AM: (Grange)— <i>Missionary to Panama</i> —Brent Hoffman Family 11:00AM: (Grange)— <i>Missionary to Panama</i> —Brent Hoffman Family NOON: (Grange)— <i>Meet the Missionary POTLUCK</i> —
September 11-14, 2016: EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS— <i>SAM GIPP</i>



December 2015

The year comes to a close; the “great door and effectual,” remains open

As the end of calendar year 2015 draws nigh, we gratefully acknowledge our appreciation to the LORD for His gracious and merciful care and enabling which allow us to continue to go through the “open door” of opportunity (I Corinthians 16:9), which He opened unto us over 11 years ago now, to preach the Gospel and evangelize lost souls to JESUS CHRIST here in southern Chile. The year closes for us with the joy and rejoicing of receiving 4 new believers into “the household of the faith,” namely, Judith, Lesly, Josebet, and Javier, all young people of the same earthly family, who were led to Biblical repentance toward GOD and saving faith toward our LORD JESUS CHRIST by Bro. Luis and Sis. Flor of the Paillaco church, and so now are together in the same heavenly family. Josabet and Javier started attending Sunday services right away, and the other two young ladies are supposed to start congregating with IBBP in January; they all desire to be water-

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Hypocrisy



Rev. Ron Coale, Pastor

In recent times and even today, there is much talk of transparency. It is nice that people talk about transparency, but sadly to say, the world will never be a place of transparent living. People like their secrets. There will always be something that somebody wants to hide from someone else. The trouble comes when people want to keep their secrets while at the same time believing that they are a very transparent and open person. That's when hypocrisy begins to take shape and form itself.

The Bible has much to say about hypocrisy. Jesus, during his earthly ministry had much to say about hypocrites. He even challenge hypocrites to their face. God cannot tolerate hypocritical living. He is able to see through all hypocrisy. He can see past the outside of the man and rest His eyes on the deep matters of the heart. God is the discernor of the thoughts and intentions of the heart (Hebrews 4:12). He knows what people are thinking (Psalm 139:2). He knows how

people present themselves. He knows when each of us are being a hypocrite or not, and he does not like it when we live a lie.

Anybody who presents himself in one fashion in order to deceive other people is a hypocrite. This is exactly what Satan did when he took on the form of a serpent in the Garden of Eden. He hypocritically presented himself as being an authority over God. In doing so he was able to deceive Eve into actually defying God's very straightforward instructions. God knows all too well the dangers that can be presented by a hypocrite.



You don't have to speak words in order to be a hypocrite. Your actions can define what's in your heart. It was

this way with the Pharisees. Jesus confronted them about their actions. He also taught His disciples how to identify hypocrisy, especially in their own lives:

- Hypocrites love for other people to know they are giving (Matt 6:2). They love to get the attention accompanied by other people knowing how much, and how often they give, and when they don't get

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THE MEYER FAMILY

Michael, Carol, Abigail, & Lydia
MISSIONARIES TO

MEXICO



NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2015

Brethren

Great appreciation to all that support our ministry in Tapalpa, Mexico. Another year has passed with faith that the Lord has us here for many reasons. We are thankful for prayers and financial support to keep us going in the search for souls and their edification. These final two months of 2015 have been a blessing as the Lord provided through the Saints a blessed season between Thanksgiving and the New Year for our family and the people here in Tapalpa. Thanks to all that gave above and beyond this entire past year.

We spent Thanksgiving with the Wheeler family in Irapuato; I was given the opportunity to preach a couple of times, and it was a blessing to see some familiar faces from our time there in Spring of 2014. Of all the messages that could be preached at the ranch mission in Valencianita, the Lord gave me one about persecution in these days. I found out later that one of the families in that service was receiving trouble from family and neighbors about their attending the services. Thanks be to the Lord for a timely message. We returned from Irapuato with boxes of tracts which will be available to the nationals in our area of Mexico.

This Christmas season I wrote a letter to encourage the people we have known over the years in our town and dropped it off with some cookies we made for the season. I basically reminded them of their need for growing in the Lord, attending church, and getting disciplined if they were saved; and if not, to get saved ASAP. We opened our house for food and fellowship to our neighbors and friends on Christmas day. A small handful showed up which was a blessing to us all. After it got dark, we fellowshiped outside our house next to a fire until midnight. One of our neighbors I have been praying for stopped by and Jose Nieves had a chance to sow the seed.

The following week on New Year's Eve, Manuel and Cristina and her grandchildren stopped by in the evening to drop off some tamales and atole, and apologize for not showing up on Christmas for they had other plans interrupt them from coming. This was a big blessing for us as we have been praying for and witnessing to Manuel about salvation. I encouraged him to continue with the Bible study about salvation. It would be great if he would receive Christ this coming year(and many others, too).

In His Service,
Michael & Carol Meyer (I Peter 4:10-11)

Robert and Sherah Trump Missionaries to Germany



Make ye mention to the nations. . . Jer. 4:16



December 2015

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Praise the Lord for another year here in Germany. The year ended well and we have things to look forward to in 2016.

Thank you all for praying for our visa appointment. The appointment went well in our estimation. Some misunderstandings were cleared up and some other helpful documents were submitted. We left with the belief that the government would renew our visa once again.

Our caseworker at the immigration office is still shy about our situation in Germany. She has her doubts about how secure freelancing is, let alone missionary work. For this reason, she said that she would recommend that the government extend our visa for only one year, in order to see if our financial support keeps coming in. Strange, right? The testimony of living here for two years isn't assurance enough that we can pay our bills? In any event, the good news is it looks like we can remain here.

Please keep praying for our place here. By the end of 2016, we hope that the authorities will have learned that we can secure a living for ourselves here. Thereafter longer extensions and permanent residency should follow.

Sherah and I enjoyed a lot of evangelism in December. The Christmas markets all over the area were packed with people. Whenever there is a festival over here we can get a lot more tracts out. We went several times to Stuttgart and visited Ditzingen and Esslingen also. Between Sherah and I alone, we got out almost 2,000 tracts and I was able to preach to some large crowds. It was a blessing in the service of the Lord!

Missionary Nico Verhoef brought Missionary Joel Hauser and a church member along to join us for one Saturday in the city center of Stuttgart. We were planning to setup in one place for a while and move around to other areas as we evangelized, but once we setup there was so much action that we stayed in one place the entire time.

An old German man named Franz stopped to talk and I witnessed to him for a while. He's one of those skeptics that questions everything, but I believe he's doing that, because he's searching. He went from, "There is no

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it, they are insulted. Today, church ranks are filled by many a hypocrite. Their need for attention towards their giving has created an unsung competition amongst church bodies. Jesus instructs when any charity is given that it should be done quietly so as not to draw any attention to yourself so you avoid getting any glory from men. Your charity is your business and it inspires greater reward from God when it is truly done in love (i.e. expecting nothing in return; not even praise of men).

- Hypocrites love for other people to know how spiritual they are (Matt. 6:5). They must have the microphone and love for people to listen to them. They are seldom good listeners. They like to dominate the conversation and get bored with a conversation when they are not afforded a chance to speak. It is the same with prayer. They love to be called upon to pray out loud, and when they do get called upon, they try to pray the most spiritual prayer that they can. Why? Because they love to be seen of men.

- Hypocrites love for other people to know how much they are suffering for God (Matt 6:16). There are many things to suffer in this world, and the older you get, the more difficult life becomes. The hypocrite will love for you to know they are fasting, don't have money, cars, food and such. Rather than go to God for things directly, they pray for things openly so that others may know their needs and relieve their affliction. When their affliction is relieved, they thank God, but they never really allowed God the time to work in private. Many of these type of "attention getting" prayers grace a churches prayer list.
- Hypocrites love for other people to know they have all of the answers for peoples problems (Matt 7:1-5) Here is the great "judgmental" verse of the Bible. People use it to defend themselves for allowing their transparency to show through. They say, "Who are you to judge me?" But believe it or not, this verse is more used in a prideful offense manner.

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They use it to be able to judge another person; taking on the position that there is no BEAM in their eye in the first place. This is what Jesus called hypocrisy: Judging someone for something when you are more guilty than they are (i.e. They have a mote. You have a beam.). The hypocrite would like to point fingers at you when they have more fingers pointed right back at themselves.

- Hypocrites love to speak one thing, but do another (Matt 15:7-8). They will speak with high, idealistic terms when they won't even lift a finger to do anything about it. We have this in churches today where people are quick to criticize a church, but will do nothing to get involved and help. Someone will volunteer to do something, but will never show up to do it. Their talk does not match their walk. I always teach that you should look for the "DO" before giving

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credence to the "SAY". What people "DO" is where their heart is really at. What people "SAY" is what they would have others think of them.

- Hypocrites love for other people to know how intelligent they are (Matt 16:3). They love for people to know that they can see the unobvious, but they are oblivious to the obvious. They can see the trees but cannot discern they are in a forest.
- Hypocrites love for other people to know their position over them (Matt 23:13). They set themselves apart from the newborn child of Christ because they are pridefully in the "more learned" group of brothers and sisters.
- Hypocrites act spiritual for personal, tangible gain (Matt 23:14). They cater to those who may be able to help them out later. Even though they are a child of God, and heir to the King, they put on an

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baptized at the churches' annual baptismal outing, coming up in a few weeks. As you pray for these "newborn babes," newly entered through the open door of salvation in CHRIST (John 10:9), please pray also for the following lost souls who have had the same Door opened unto them, but who have not yet taken the step through: Segundo, David & his wife, Elisabet, and Marco & his family. Please pray as well for the dozens of nameless (to us) others who have received tracts via the manifold efforts of all your brethren here to take full advantage of the door opened unto us of the LORD (II Corinthians 2:12), being well aware that it could close at any time, whether as the inevitable result of this world's headlong rush of preparation towards its enthroning and worship of Satan after our departure, or by that very departure, "In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye."

As the old year closes, there are still opportunities both "old" and new

The LORD continues to hold the door open in the "regions beyond" the geographical limits of the 2 church locales, as well. This month we visited the village of Itropulli, well-established on our itinerant public ministry circuit for many years. There were no "visible results" that we are aware of, but the word of life was faithfully "held forth" in both spoken and written form through the preaching, tracting, and personal work. Nontuela is another town well known to us in the work of "showing publicly and house to house," but this visit saw us going house to house and street preaching in a newly-built and occupied housing development/neighborhood. Sadly, the invitation to be reconciled to GOD through JESUS CHRIST had no new recipients (again, that we are aware of), as the few people anyone got to talk to were staunchly entrenched in their Evangelical Religionism and Matthew 24:13—"salvation." The only "new" thing that happened (i.e.: we haven't seen it happen in a public ministry meeting here before) was that one lost "Evangelical" got so excited upon seeing and hearing the street preaching that he began enthusiastically "speaking in tongues" (i.e.: blabbering meaningless gibberish, loudly); thankfully, he allowed himself to be "talked down" by Bros. Raul and David with a gentle rebuke from the Scriptures, and listened quietly from there on out. Alluding the motif from last month's letter, there is quite a bit of "spiritual bread" being cast upon the "waters" all around us here, in many different ways; please pray that the LORD would use it for His glory and for the salvation of these many lost souls trapped in religious blindness and spiritual darkness.

As the year ends, so does the earthly pilgrimage of a brother in the Lord

Bro. Raul's older brother, Moises, also a brother in the LORD, went to be with his Savior earlier this month; the LORD mercifully allowed for him to have a relatively tranquil "passage," and leave behind a solid testimony of saving faith in JESUS CHRIST. Bro. David preached the graveside message, which included a very direct and clear call to Biblical salvation to the many family

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God,” to, “Fine, there is a God, but Jesus Christ didn’t exist,” to, “Fine, Jesus Christ existed, but the Bible can’t be trusted, can it?”

Pray for the salvation of Franz. He gave me his information and I’m planning to contact him after the holidays.

While we were out, I also talked to some Christians, whose information I received and perhaps will meet with them in the future. A Bulgarian man in his twenties stopped, eagerly wanting to talk to one of us. I went over to him and he asked if I had a Bulgarian Bible, to which I responded that I could procure one for him. He’s been in Germany for three years and can speak fairly good German and claimed that he and his family were Christians. I asked him if he’d be interested in learning the Bible and he emphatically said, “Yes.” The Bulgarian Bible is on its way and I hope to be able to hold a Bible study with him (and possibly his friend) in January. **Pray for Hristo and a Bible study to be started.**

I witnessed to my buddy Branko again and covered some good ground. It was a great conversation and ended with a tentative plan to start a Bible study in January. During our conversation, I asked Branko if he believed the Bible. He responded, “As a Catholic, I’m supposed to say, yes, but I really don’t know.” I told him that was a great answer—a truthful answer. I asked him if it would be worthwhile to find out if there were a reason to believe in the Bible. He nervously said, yes, and we tentatively planned to start a Bible study after he got back from Croatia in January. **Branko is not saved. Please pray that he would acquire faith in the word of God and the Lord Jesus Christ.**

Brethren, thank you for your prayers to God on our behalf. December was eventful, but also hard on our bodies. We need the Lord’s grace more than ever. Thank you for your faithfulness to pray and give as the Lord leads you. This is a great undertaking, and the longer we’re here, the more I see that it’s a worthwhile and needful work that the Lord has called us to. Lord bless you all in your spiritual walks with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

In Christ,

Robert and Sherah Trump (Psa. 45:1)

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"Oh! Poor me" face to move others to help them out of their troubles. They are constantly expressing what they don't have instead of what they do have.

- Hypocrites love to replicate themselves in others (Matt 23:15). The Scribes and Pharisees would put great effort into making one proselyte of themselves. They would be the master while the proselyte would be the student. Different "up-and-comers" would want to study under the best teachers. So an unspoken hierarchy was set up that inspired a form of competitiveness amongst the students and teachers both. Do you remember it being mentioned that Paul studied under Gamaliel? (Acts 22:3). The more students you had, or the greater the master you studied under would make you more popular. Christians should be replicating the Lord Jesus Christ into the lives of others. Still, the church today has it's: Great preachers, okay preachers, and "never

heard of that guy" preachers. Many of them are jockeying for position and doing so, they replicate THEMSELVES into the lives of their students.

- Hypocrites don't go "all in" for Jesus (Matt 23:23). They skirt around the weightier matters of the Bible in favor of the less offensive subjects. Instead of telling people the hard truth, they find out what people want to hear and just rest there with that subject. They are trying to build a following rather than tell the message that Jesus gave them to carry to the world.
- Hypocrites love for other people to know they look good (Matt 23:25). They clean up real good on the outside, but they are still the same old bag of dirt on the inside. They are not doing their best for Jesus to show Him respect. They are doing their best for men so that men will respect them. Their heart is not a giving heart, it is a taking heart.

There are many forms of hypocrisy in the world today because men don't want others to

PRAYER REQUESTS		
607.	Pastor	Souls saved in Shelton.
629.	Matt	Gregson Family Finances.
680.	Matt	Savings Account (Building fund) to reach —(\$10,000).
685.	Dee P.	Dee's brother Duane (a proud atheist) salvation.
755.	Regina	Grace Baptist Church to grow in membership.
763.	Sally	Brother Nathan called to preach. Strength & direction.
796.	Regina	Strength for God's will in her life.
803.	Dee P.	Improved church attendance for her family.
822.	Regina	Personal Health.
849.	Sally	Jonny seeks God's will in making decisions for future.
865.	Dee P.	Son Joseph's health problems & depression.
867.	Dee P.	Family members to read KJB daily.
955.	Lori S.	Son (Phil Gosline) has lymphoma
973.	Dee	Protection for Stephanie working as a nurse.
975.	Dee P.	Brother-in-law George stage 4 terminal lung cancer
976.	Dee P.	Our Christian men to grow as spiritual leaders in our homes, churches and communities.
977.	Regina	Comfort for John Rodius. Wife passed away.
979.	Colleen	Salvation of Darci Togensen's daughter Katey
984.	Lori	Candy's kidney stones.
988.	Matt C.	Lori Sylvia broke shoulder. Comfort & healing.
989.	Regina	Richard to let God be his all in all.
990.	Pastor	Regina fell at home alone.
991.	Pastor	Rylander family come back to God.
992.	Pastor	Roger Crowe healing from cancer of spine & bladder.
993.	Mark H.	Grand-daughter overcoming depression.
994.	Pastor	God's will on buying the Grange Hall
995.	Pastor	Amanda Ruiz come back to God.

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think based of them. Every one of us are hypocrites. We all have something that we want to hide; something that we want to keep to ourselves. As long as we have that, there will always be hypocrites, But, we can work on it so that we may lead the life that Jesus expects of us. Now that some things are identified, we have areas of our lives that we can be more Christ like and less ourselves.~

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members present who are counting on their religion to secure their eternal destiny; please pray for them, as well as for Raul's mother, Sis. Raquel, who depended very much on Moises.

The year is over, but a new missionary family's "active duty" has just begun

Thank you for having prayed for Bro. Vince LaRue and his family, who, after 10 years of waiting, working, and watching for the LORD to open the door to them to minister the Gospel here in southern Chile, finally arrived near the end of the month. The LORD responded abundantly to your intercession for them, as they had almost no difficulties or setbacks on the trip (considering that it involved 4 different flights and 5 airports, 24 hours, with 2 young children and about a bazillion pieces of luggage - okay, it was only 18 or so, but the other figure is what it "feels like" when one is going through 4 flights and 5 airports, 24 hours, etc.). Then, on "this side," He allowed them to already get moved into their house and be received by and involved in everything the 2 churches have been doing here since their arrival. A specific list would be too extensive (besides, that will be in his prayer letter), so, just please continue to pray for the LaRue family, new missionaries in southern Chile. And so, as we bid farewell to 2015, we do earnestly pray together with you, once again, that this will be the last one to which we will have to do so, desiring to be together with you and the LORD as He catches His Bride away from this present evil world. Of course, whether in 2016 or later, may He grant us all the grace, mercy, and virtue to be found faithfully serving Him when He does. Thank you for being used of Him to make that a possibility for us here in southern Chile.

In Christ,

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