




Grace Baptist Church is 
A Great Place To Grow in Christ
For the Entire Family

Sunday April 10, 2016	
This Weeks Events	
Today: 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> — 6:00PM: (Grange)— <i>Advanced Bible: REPENTANCE</i> —Pastor	
Upcoming Events	
April 17, 2016: 12:10PM: (Grange)— <i>Pastors, Deacon & Trustee Meeting</i> —Pastor	IMPORTANT
May 1, 2016: 2:00PM: (Firlane) — <i>Shut in Saints</i> —Brother Matt Coale/Charles Wasilausky	
September 11-14, 2016: EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS— <i>SAM GIPP</i>	

Purchasing the Grange Hall

Our church has been presented with an offer to purchase the grange hall. There are no details of any deal with the Grangers yet discussed other than the price. They are asking \$84,400.00 for the building and are wanting to carry the contract.

I have asked the men in leadership of the church to pray whether this is something we should pursue or not. Should we decide that this is a good thing for Grace Baptist, then we will sit down with the Grangers and begin hashing out the details. It is important that the church be in prayer about this: If it is Gods will then he will open doors, but if it is not God’s will, then we should ask Him to close them. We do not want to do anything that is contrary to God’s will for the church.

Pastor

The affect of persecution upon the church

By Rev. Ron Coale, Pastor



In the USA we have much to be thankful for. Unfortunately, many of the wonderful blessings that we have available to us goes unappreciated and unused. Many of the freedoms available to us is that of being able to share our faith without fear of reprisal or harm. It is not that way in many of the countries of the world. In fact, in some countries, it is legal to kill Christians because of their faith. I knew some Christians in China who were "reeducated" because they boldly stood up for Jesus. After their stint in the camp, they would not tell me exactly what happened to them there, but they were certainly affected by the governments programming of their minds. The greatest change is that they became even more bold in their proclamation of their risen King.

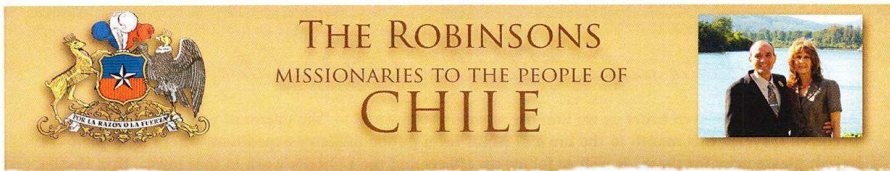
Even though American Christians do not live with the fear of such extreme measures to eradicate Christ from society, they seem lackadaisical in their commitment to tell others about what wonderful things Jesus has done for them. Though they have the freedom to tell others about their King, few find time or purpose to do so. In fact, American Christians spend more

time looking for reasons why they cannot witness, then they do actually talking about the one who gave them eternal life. This is a paradox that is uncomprehending to Christians who live under persecution.

Perhaps it will take some form of persecution for American Christians to "get in the game." This would not be contrary to the records of church history. Each time the church was persecuted, Christians began boldly living their faith, and were unafraid to tell others about Him. On the other hand, the easier things got for the church, the more relaxed the church became; they began focusing on self and turned their attention away from Jesus and others who were lost.

I hope that it doesn't take a great persecution of the church in the USA for Christians to begin really living for Jesus, but if things are to remain true to church history, it will inevitably come. I see the first steps towards persecution of the church stamped on society today. I believe that God continues to allow troubles to go unchecked until His children finally get the message and "come around." Look at what happened to Job. God allowed Satan to persecute Job until Job got the message (Job 1:6-12; 42:10-17).

For many of our early years of
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Publicly and house to house locally

By the grace and mercy of GOD, we and the two established churches here in Valdivia and in the town of Paillaco have been able to continue regularly engaging in the “Acts-20:20-Method” of preaching the Gospel and evangelizing the lost right in the respective “home fields” of each group. In Valdivia, we have been specifically targeting the general neighborhood and smaller “poblaciones” surrounding the local church’s meeting place, and although it hasn’t yet yielded direct visible results, we are very thankful to the LORD for the liberty we have to preach (basically, anywhere: street corner, park, playground), distribute tracts (even in mailboxes, doorjamb, cars, etc.), and personally witness to anyone and everyone. We were also able to preach and go door-to-door in three locations in Bro. LaRue’s neighborhood (our first time in this part of the city). Sadly, everywhere we go, generally speaking, Religionism has already done its dirty work, and II Corinthians 4:3-4 is the order of the day. As a part of this, then nefarious public presence and activities of the [False] Jehovah’s Witnesses, Mormons, and Works-For-Salvation-Evangelicals (all of them are) have increased markedly. In fact, in many instances, one would almost be led to believe that “the prince of the power of the air” is targeting our organized efforts by having one or two of the afore mentioned groups either “on-site” when we arrive or arriving shortly thereafter, readily sowing their “tares” in order to prevent the good “wheat” of the word of God being able to take root. Nevertheless, “the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword,” well able to cut through any jungle of ecclesiastical overgrowth and pierce into a receptive heart. Amongst those for whom we request your prayers that the word of God delivered unto them would accomplish just that are: Francisco, a co-worker of Bro. Cristian who presents a tough exterior, but within whom the Holy Spirit is carrying out His continuous John-16:8 work; Jose, a classmate of Bro. Alfredo’s son, Bro. Diego, to whom Diego has been witnessing, and whose interest has been piqued ever since Diego asked him if he is saved, to which Jose responded, “I’m an ‘Evangelical’,” to which Diego in turn replicated, “Well, I’m a Christian [and there is a difference]”; and Guillermo, a professing Catholic who called regarding our “What Religion...” tract, inviting us to come visit him at home to explain to him what religion is the one that he needs [this is usually the second response to the tract (the very message of which is that no religion is the one that one “needs”),

after asking, "So what religion are you, then?" - II Corinthians 4:4 clearly has more far-reaching effects than "just" blinding folks to "the light of the glorious gospel of Christ"]; he sounded quite sincere(not just simply arguing, as have most who have responded to the same tract), with the conversation going very well, but the call got cut off mid-stream, and I have been trying to call him back since, but to no avail - please pray that the LORD would allow us to reestablish contact and arrange a visit with him, according to the sincerity of his heart in seeking the truth.

Publicly and house to house regionally

In our regular activity of taking the Gospel out into the towns and villages of our region, we visited Rio Bueno for the first time; this town of approximately 31,000 souls is about an hour and a half south of us by car, and is pretty much the southern-most municipality of our administrative district. We preached and passed out tracts in three locations there, and had the opportunity to witness personally to a few people: Sis. Cagle spoke with a woman claiming to be non-religious, but who also told her that the Roman Catholic Virgin Mary is her "mother," and then asked who Sis. Cagle's "mother" is; Fernando also stopped to inquire regarding our activities, claiming to be saved and a Baptist in response to my query regarding his soul, but a few minutes of Bible-based conversation quickly revealed that he is counting on his works to "ensure" his salvation; and Roberto, who, after listening to Bro. LaRue's preaching on the Great White Throne Judgment in Revelation 20, sat with me and went through much of the Bible regarding his eternal destiny and hopelessness without Christ, recognized his need, kneeled there with me and cried out to the LORD to save him, in his own words, and in quite a bit of personal desperation (to be frank, he smelled of alcohol, but didn't seem to be a "classic" street drunk, so, only God knows how sincere his heart was and is). Well, Bro. LaRue was able to make contact with him recently, and we're supposed to meet up with him early next month (April), so please pray that this follow-up effort will be used of the LORD to lead him in the path of Biblical Christian discipleship. We also went to Reumen this month on our "usual rounds" - no visible response there, but an unusual number of people were out and about and received tracts, and we trust that the LORD will continue to work in their hearts regarding the need for Biblical salvation.

Valera Bible Institute of Chile (IBVC)

We also praise the LORD this month for allowing us to get Bible Institute classes started again. The bulk quantity of our time is now dedicated to this effort, as there are nine classroom hours over the course of three nights per week, and the curriculum preparation is literally seven-days-per-week during whatever time slots present themselves as available. The students (Cristian, Gerardo, Vince, Sarah, and Brenda) are doing

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well so far, and will increasingly need your prayers as the pace intensifies over the next few weeks, as will “Assistant Professor” Bro. David, who is teaching two of the courses [the Director/Senior Professor is already in way over his head, but seeing as how I’ll just take it out on the students, you should simply pray for them!]. The aforementioned Rio Bueno trip was also the new IBVC group’s first “regions beyond” evangelistic outing (as a “class”), something we hope to be doing at least once a month as a part of their weekly hour’s “field work.” [By way of explanation; “Personal and Public Ministry Theory” is a one-hour instructed course in the classroom during the first year, and “Personal and Public Ministry Practice” is demonstrated and exercised in the field the entire three-and-a-half years as a similarly “accredited” hour’s coursework.] We have some transportation issues that hinder this, so please pray for us about that as well.

A faithful brother in need of some Hebrews 13:3b-prayers

We mentioned Bro. Raul’s deteriorating physical health situation a couple of months ago, and bring it to your prayer attention again now in light of the fact that there has been no improvement, and our brother really needs you upholding him in prayer. He continues to plug right along without complaining and considering it a divine privilege to be able to experience a personal version of II Corinthians 12:9-10, but the strain of pastoring two churches in two towns is visibly wearing him down, so we just ask that you pray for him as regularly as possible, that he may continue to do what he knows the LORD has given him to do, and bring glory to his Savior in such manner. The main issue (of several) right now is that he apparently has some herniated/bulging discs in his lower back (and is in constant pain as a result, of course), but the MRI appointment prescribed by the doctor for confirmation of the same is taking, well, just as long as one would expect in a socialized-medicine system (mind you, this is just to find out what’s wrong, not to deal with it). He hasn’t been able to work regularly as a result, so we and the churches are doing what we can to help out additionally there (thank you, by the way, to those of you who’ve been sending additional contributions here and there, which has made the extra help possible); now it looks like the little car we had given him a few years back (for him and David to be able to handle both ministries) is reaching the end of its duty cycle, with everything coming apart simultaneously. “BUT GOD...” is still our only hope and stay, and we know that He will respond if you will but pray, amen!

In Christ,

Philip & Brenda Robinson

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 influence & 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.
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.
989.	Regina	Son (Richard) to let God be his all in all.
991.	Pastor	Rylander family return to GBC.
992.	Pastor	Roger Crowe healing from cancer of spine & bladder.
994.	Pastor	God's will on buying the Grange Hall
997.	Pastor	Successful and full recovery of use of foot.
999.	Pastor	Roy Turk recovery from hip surgery.
1001.	Pastor	Kyle's friend Zach-health.
1002.	Pastor	Saloum's— multiple
1003.	Pastor	Florence Saloum healing from Congestive Heart Failure.
1004.	Regina	Debra Rameriz-Recovery from lung cancer surgery.

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this nation, preachers zealously proclaimed the message of God. People would make great effort to go hear the preacher preach. But, over a period of time, people changed. They held the pursuit of pleasure more important than the word of God. In turn, as man turned from God, the persecution of

the church increased proportionately. It will continue to increase until man changes his way of thinking and revives his love for God. This requires each individual to personally make a step in the right direction.

The choice is ours: Revival or persecution. I choose revival!~

