



A Facebook Call to Baptism in Santiago de Chile

Linkman Bro. Robert and his wife Sis. Christine Alderson wanted to share this information from Chile. The small ecclesia in Chile has been through its ups and downs over the last few years, however, the last week of May 2012 has been one of great encouragement. After several challenging days tracking down a suitable body of water in the deepening Chilean winter, and coordinating everyone's movements, Brother Cristian Ivan Zamora Castañeda was baptised into the saving name of Jesus Christ.

Cristian is very familiar with the Bible, having spent much of his life a Jehovah's Witness. However the questions that mounted over the years were increasingly met with ultimatum rather than answer and for three or four years Cristian continued with a strong faith, but with unanswered questions and without brothers and sisters with whom he could regularly meet.

It is positive to note that Cristian's first contact with the Truth was through a Facebook group. Although not a universally embraced medium, on this occasion it served as the vehicle which linked our new brother with those who led him through his study of the true Gospel.



The active members in Chile now number five, with three living in Santiago and two in the southern city of Temuco. The brethren in Santiago meet in a small rented office and are accompanied by 3 serious students, who—as can be seen in the accompanying photo, our new brother Cristian at the right—make up a group that generates a warm environment of mutual

Overseas Book Service & Works of Faith

Since 1999, we have sent over 31,000 books, magazines, and tapes throughout the world to those who might be unable to find or purchase these materials locally. Our donated books have been down this year, so there are fewer books to send out. We welcome gifts of used Bibles, reference books, and Christadelphian books.

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Baptism in Costa Rica

Bro. Douglas, the Recording Brother from Santa Barbara, Costa Rica wrote to share good news from their Ecclesia. Bro. Geofredy González Araya, 44, was baptized on March 25, 2012 after studying the Bible patiently for more than a year. His wife, Sis. Evelyn Vargas Salazar, was baptized 9 years ago and they have a 9-year-old daughter, Daniela.



Evelyn is the daughter of Sis. Hortensia Salazar and cousin of Sis. Marisol Araya Salazar. Geofredy works in the area of telecommunications with the Costa Rican power company ICE and we have confidence that he will be an effective worker in the ecclesia as well.



The baptism was carried out in a small river near Santa Bárbara; we thank God that in this part of the world there are still rivers pure enough to be used for this purpose. In effect, we held a fraternal day for the whole ecclesia, with visiting brethren from the city of Grecia in the province of Alajuela as well as a Canadian Family, Bro. Duncan and Sis. Gillian Kenzie and their daughter Lydia. We all shared in the fellowship of a delicious lunch prepared by the sisters of the ecclesia. As can be seen, by the mercy of God the ecclesia continues to soldier on.



Big City: Needs a Van!

Projected Cost: \$10,000

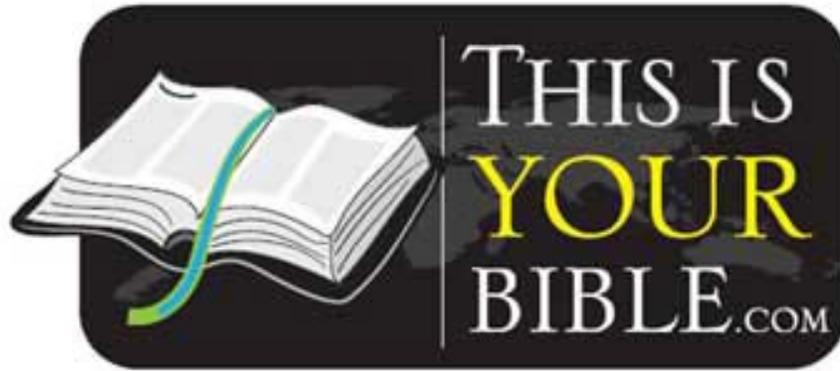
Leader: David Lloyd

Guadalajara is a sprawling, metropolitan city. Most members do not have private transportation, but are reliant on public transportation. Until late in 2011, this transportation was provided through the use of Sis. Cindy Paiva's personal SUV. This vehicle, however, was sold and no replacement is available at this time.

While transport to the ecclesial hall is reasonable through public transportation, it is not ideal for a number of ecclesial functions. Baptisms are generally held at Sis. Cindy's home and this requires the negotiation a series of public busses. Some are unable to attend either due to the inconvenience or the cost of the transportation. Transporting members to different parts of the city to visit contacts or conduct leafleting is really only viable if private transportation can be arranged. One older contact, an amputee, wants to come on Sundays but cannot get in busses alone and has nobody to help him. The van facilitates pick-up and return of the contact by a brother.

Additionally, Guadalajara will be highlighted as one of our primary destinations for North American visitors and workers. The van will enable these visitors to be picked up and delivered back to the airport by ecclesial members.

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The outreach through www.thisisyourbible.com (TIYB) has been greatly blessed since its inception in 2006. This is a united effort between CBMA, CBM-UK, and ACBM. TIYB is primarily a tool for connecting students to Christadelphian tutors and ultimately to ecclesias.

2011 was a year of rebuilding with changes in personnel, structure and technology. The underlying goal of these changes has been to modernize both the look and the technology of the site to provide a versatile platform from which a high quality and unique preaching resource can be maintained and developed. In addition, the Learn to Read the Bible Effectively video seminars were added to the site as another way to aid either students or ecclesias to learn about God's plan.

One of the clear needs is to expand TIYB outreach to accommodate other languages. Our first plan, Lord willing, is to merge labiblia.com into the TIYB platform in 2012.

Truth Corps

The 2011 Truth Corps program began following a new focus on support of ecclesias in Latin America and the Caribbean. The team worked with the Guadalajara Ecclesia, primarily through distribution of flyers for an upcoming lecture series. The series of classes were given by Bro. Michael Conner. The work of the team resulted in ten attendees to the lectures and more than twenty new correspondence course students.

In 2012, Lord willing, the team will return to Guadalajara for two weeks, promoting a series of public talks on Daniel's Prophecy. The team will then move to Tobago, where they will be involved in outreach on the island. We are most thankful to have a full team, including members from the US, Canada and Costa Rica.

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