

# CHILE: LATEST NEWS!

### Witnessing and Winning in a Closed Country!

by Zichri Longfellow.

Chile is certainly everything and more than we were expecting! Although it's a "closed" country and we have to be careful, the hospitality and receptivity of the Chilean people has thrilled us! The people are so sweet and broken by what has happened here.

The tremendous trials that the country passed through as a result of being the world's first democracy to elect a Marxist President, followed by the military coup of '73, has only served to make the Chileans hungry for something non-political and idealistic. They are some of the few of the world's population who've lived under different systems and are basically fed up with them both.

Their disaster-marred history (nearly 350 medium or severe earth-quakes since 1520) and sense of isolation from the rest of the world (Pacific Ocean on one side; Andes on the other) have combined to make Chileans carefree and philosophic rather than bitter, amazingly enough!



Mikol-4 and Anim-3 sing for students learning English. Photo by Mommy Rosa.

One of our most fruitful outreaches until now has been through our English institutes where three brothers teach part-time. Being a teacher gives you the opportunity to meet new and influential people and be a constant witness as you have a daily meeting with your "flock".

The Lord is helping us to infiltrate slowly, making good friends, etc.
All this in accord with a dream Hepsi had. She saw the people of the institute being transformed into members of some type of new club where everyone was witnessing to new

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people that came, singing songs, getting turned on to the Word, etc.

-And it's already happening!

We also plan on visiting local hospitals, orphanages etc. with the help of friends and potential catacombers! Our provisioning is going well, supplying nearly all our food needs and giving us an opportunity to witness to many more people in this closed country.

Thank God for Dad and all the good counsel we have at our fingertips to guide us in living under these selah conditions! Above all, thank God for FF'ing which has made it possible for us to come here in the

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first place! - zichri Longfellow.

Upon our arrival here in Chile six months ago, we were helped out a lot by V., a former disciple, and her husband R. At 33, R. has many holdings and assets from his father which has allowed him to live a comfortable and very lazy life. In fact, in spite of his wealth and beautiful wife, he was a miserable 240-pound alcoholic who easily drank 1½ bottles of whiskey a day. The Lord really gave us a burden to help him and this made our up-anddown relationship with him much easier, as we knew that love never fails! PTL!

Recently, through V., I learned that R. was actually sexually impotent and that they had never been able to make love in their three years of married life. I knew the poor guy must have been suffering terribly over this, as I myself was

once impotent until Jesus and the Words of David set me free from those fears! Praise the Lord!

One day I went to see R., who was at his lowest ever. His wife had gotten a lover and was going to leave him. Meanwhile, due to the abuses of alcohol and cigarettes, plus the worry about his sexual impotence, he was a total physical wreck. His nervous system was now so shot that he could hardly walk. It was a real fight at first, as he wouldn't even see me, but I just stuck around the house (encouraged by the Lord and V.) and finally he came out reluctantly from his room.

I shared with him how I myself had once been in his shoes. At first he acted like it didn't really matter, but little by little he began to open up. It was a real victory as he finally shared his fears and needs with me for the first time in our six-month friendship. I told him I knew Jesus was the only Doctor who could help him.—He had seen a multitude of psychiatrists, psychologists and M.D.'s seeking help. Then he prayed with me to receive the Lord!

Now a month later, R. has quit drinking and is regaining his health.

V. has left her lover and wants to try to make the marriage work again, and R. has forgiven her and also wants to give it another try.

Of course, there are still lots of battles ahead, and by God's grace we'll be here to help them along the way day by day.—Working patiently, waiting and watching as the Lord's Love works daily in their and many other lonely lives here in Chile. Viva Amor! Francisco Soi.

## THUMBNAIL SKETCH OF CHILE! by Zichri Longfellow.

1. <u>Litnessing</u>: Open literature distribution is illegal, although many evangelicals pass out their literature in a fairly open manner. We do no open litnessing here, nor any selah litnessing.

 Legal problems: None as yet, mainly because our witnessing is very low-key. We do not appear as a group, but just a group of friends.

3. Carrying money: Upon arrival, you are rarely asked to show funds. As tourism is now being encouraged, getting a visa is very easy. Although none of us have been asked for an ongoing ticket, it's best to have one just in case.

4. Round-trip tickets: Not nec-

essary.

b. Visas: We either have or are working on getting temporary resident visas, which enable us to work legally for one year. At the end of this year, you only need to get a permanent resident visa, a fairly easy procedure. We've been told that it shouldn't be difficult if you're an English teacher and therefore holding a job which only a native English speaker can hold. Your employer must make out a work contract for you in order to apply for the temporary resident visa.

6. Housing: The standard of living and housing is typically Western and middle-class, but very expensive so it's good to come with funds (\$500 minimum if possible) if you're planning on opening your

own Home.

7. System jobs: On your landing card, it's best to say you're just a tourist/student, but getting a system

job (even if only part-time) is almost necessary in order to keep an even keel financially in a non-litnessing field as well as very important as a system cover. So far, we've found that English teaching is the natural choice for a job as it gives us the opportunity to work, witness and meet influential people, too! However FF'ing has been the sole means of support for one of the Homes here, proving that God can supply by any of the "7 Supporters". In summer (Jan. & Feb.) there are no English jobs.

- 8. Selah Conditions: It is important that you enter the country as an individual, not having anything to do with a group or religion. Also, please try to spend time making your Letters selah (as the bad publicity from Europe came out here in Chile before we got here). Please do not bring Letter No. 272 in any way, shape or form. We cut out pictures from magazines to cover up any offensive illustrations (i.e. sex, politics) and glued them on. This is quite a time-consuming task (especially the FF Letters), but is well worth it for crossing borders, checkpoints, etc. Things have relaxed somewhat recently, but we suggest that anyone interested in coming here follow these guidelines just in case. Any kind of "cult" or "ism" is really looked down upon by the government and it's best to work in small Homes (no more than 5 or 6 in a Home) as individual missionaries and English teachers.
- Liberal or conservative? Although considered to be one of the more liberal of Latin countries

(along with Brasil), it is still conservative by North American standards.

10. Religions: Basically Catholic as all Latin countries, but a growing group of Evangelicals and other Protestants.

11. Number of brethren: At present, there are only 12 adults and 3 children. With summer coming, we can use some help to reach this country of over 10 million.

12. Attitude towards tourists: Tourism is encouraged, and Chileans absolutely flip over foreigners, as it is geographically isolated from the rest of the world.

Languages: Spanish.

14. FF'ing: We're now FF'ing in two major cities in Chile. It's really starting to bear fruit and there is much potential for both men and women. We're just getting started and could use help if you want to learn the language. This is our main means of witnessing at present.

15. Political situation: Chile is one of the few Latin countries used to living under a democracy, but the last five years of military dictatorship has generally been accepted as the only means of restoring order and stability to this peaceloving people. The military is still very much in control although not very popular, and because of this their presence is not very visible and things have generally normalised.

16. Climate: Rather mild and temperate. November to March is hot and dry with temperatures ranging from 70-100 degrees F. The Chilean winter is mild with

temperatures ranging from 40-65 degrees F. in the Santiago area. Very, very pleasant climate in general.

17. Clothing needed: Chileans are sharp dressers, so come prepared to look good! Light clothing in summer. In winter, sweaters

and jackets are needed.

18. Outreach possibilities: Because we are remaining selah for the time being, we have done little to come out in the open. The only exception has been the children who have sung on TV three times already and performed in restaurants and cafes (all this in a resort area where the population is very transient and these type of free-lance things are accepted).

Most of us have "dropped-in" with part-time jobs, and FF'ing has been our major push. There is, however, a tremendous potential for

music.

"How to Survive in a Small Colony" certainly applies to our situation, and anyone with a desire to come to this ripe field should keep this in mind. We do have contact among the three Homes, but only as friends, as we try to avoid being categorised as a "group" in any way.

If you are a family with two or more children, we suggest you start your own Home with only friendly contact with established Homes. If you are single or a couple without children or with just one, please write us and possibly you could help in starting a new Home with some of us who are already here. At any rate, please try to bring \$250 per person minimum to help out in opening a new Home, as housing is

very expensive.

In closing, here's a poem written by a 30-year-old catacomber I've been ff'ing. She's led several of her friends to the Lord and has helped in typing and xeroxing selah editions of MO Letters. It's like the "payoff" and there are so many like her who need YOU!

THANK YOU!

I've risen again thanks to LOVE! Thank you for bringing the light to my life.

I smell your fragrance

I feel your beauty I want to live! I want to love! I love you so much! Thank you for being as you are! Thank you for making me so happy! Thank You, Lord!

With much love, Ana Maria

(Translated from Spanish by Zichri.)

For clearance to Chile, please write to the Latin American KOS Office: Apdo. 20148, San Martin 102, Caracas, Venezuela (with Attn: Chile).

AUSTRALIA:

...one of the richest disciples...

The story of Noel, our 70-year-old Catacomber!

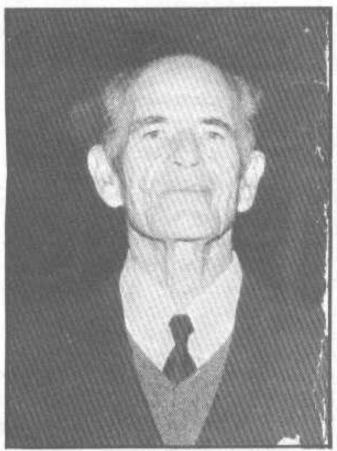
by PAUL.

(Maria: Hope this inspires everyone to have more love, concern and compassion for the Catacombers!) Dear MO & Maria,

God bless you, we love and pray for you! I wanted to tell you about a beautiful older brother in the Family who remains loyal and true, very helpful to all in this part of the world.

His name is Noel and he's in his 70's. He met the Family about four years ago and has been a Catacomber ever since! I think he's more full-time though, certainly a fulltime witnesser! He always sends letters to many brothers and sisters in the Family and encloses a dollar or two in each one. He visits the Homes whenever possible, though now it's harder for him since the nearest Home is now far away from him.

Noel is one of the closest persons to Jesus I've ever met. It's really mar- missionary and the Lord gave them vellous to talk to him. He was born



Noel has been a faithful Catacomber since he met the Family four years ago!

in India of British parents and got saved at 20 years old. He married a an orphanage or church there where they served the Lord for many years before coming to Australia. (His wife is with the Lord now.)

He wakes up every morning around 3:00 a.m. to pray for everyone he can think of in the Family, including you, because he knows you're the tree the Family grew from. Often he sounds like he's quoting you word for word. He feels the Love

from the Family.

At the moment, he has a trial about dying, because he's close to it. He lives on a pension but I think he gives just about everything away. Yet he is one of the richest of disciples; his eyes are full of real wealth, and yet he receives not much.

Love, Paul; Yeelony, Australia

### ON TRANSLATING THE FAMILY NEWS!

MO & Maria have expressed their concern that each non-English-speaking disciple is able to read the "Family News" in his own language!

In translating, there would be no need to make a "duplicate issue" in the exact format as the English copy. We suggest just a quick "running translation" article-by-article, typed the simplest way possible, perhaps all the way across the page, and then printed, xeroxed or mimeographed—whatever is quickest, cheapest and most expedient.

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Love, Your Editors.

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FIND-A-FRIEND

Dear Kish, I love you! Thanks for being so thoughtful and such a sample of God's Love! GBY! Love, Keith.

Mark & Tabitha, Asaph Canadian,

Claire Newman, Cyrus & Heidi,
Zoan & Praise, Mark Rasputin, Ivan
Hoe: I have mail for you here but
no forwarding address. Let me
know and I'll send it on to you!
Love, Hepher. D. Neve, B.P. 207,
11105 Narbonne, Cedex France.

Jeremiah (Jerry Myers?) who was in Merkle, Texas—where are you? Len Boden wants to hear from you! Please write: Rachel Waters, P.O. Box 131, San Angelo, Texas 76902, U.S.A.

Jorim & Joida, Vessel & Lamb Harper, Elam & Samaria Butler, Paz (of Barcelona), we love you and would love to hear from you! Please write Buzi & Lode Tall Tree at: Edmund McNeil, Fermo Posta, Aurelia, Rome, Italia.

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