

# The Sanhueza Welsh Family

**“I will run the way of the commandments, when thou shalt enlarge my heart.”**

**Psalm 119:32**



We have rapidly arrived to this new year full of challenges and goals. God gave us a wonderful opportunity to travel to the south of Chile for a beautiful time of vacation. We were able to visit beautiful places, rest, and visit friends. This time helped us recharge our batteries; and see how the work of God continues to grow throughout our country. It was edifying and renewing, but we are now back to our reality with the kids in school and Yentzen and I back to our duties.

As always, we want to share with you how God blesses us, cares for us, and gives us the privilege of serving Him in different areas, primarily in the lives of our children. We thank God so much for the lives of our daughters, both involved in their studies and sports activities. God has answered our prayers and during this year they started a discipleship where they will be able to know God more. This gives our hearts great joy since in the environment they are in they need to have a spiritual balance in their lives and be accountable to someone who is spiritually mature, besides mom and dad. Our prayer is that they be captivated by Jesus Christ, that they know Him and love Him. We as parents will give all of the tools but it is they who will have to make the decision to follow and serve Him. It is our job to show in every opportunity how God cares for the family and personally for them. We will continue to pray that Santiago, in a few years, will find a mentor who will do the same thing others are now doing with our daughters.



In the month of July, 2018, God answered our prayers by allowing us to visit the United States as a family. We were with friends and with our beloved Pastor Duane Cross and his wife Linda. It was a dream trip for all of us. In the case of the girls and Santiago, it was their first time traveling by plane and visiting another country. It was a marvelous

time. God took care of us and blessed us greatly. The girls didn't want to return to Chile and are convinced they want to go back to the States to study for at least a year in order to learn English well.



As you know, Santiago's health is always a motive for concern and prayer. God has cared for him and kept him in very good health. Last year he was hospitalized for appendicitis and due to his chronic condition it was more complex than it would be for a normal child, necessitating his staying longer in the hospital. All of this was days before our trip, so we traveled with more precaution than we had thought, but it was not an impediment for his having a great time.



He is now back to his regular checkups and his kidney is still able to support him. As always, with plenty of medication and a special diet, but none of that keeps him from developing as an "almost twelve year old" boy. This month, March, he has a checkup and, as usual, blood and urine tests and ultrasounds to determine his renal function. This time he has to do the stress test to see about his arterial pressure, which could be affected by his renal insufficiency. Dear ones, pray for him, God sustains him month by month with his health, but he is now entering a complicated age where the doctors have always warned us the renal function declines more, and his kidney is more affected by his hormonal development. We have complete peace that God will continue to sustain him and teach us to sustain us and his sisters.

## **Ministry**

We are already back in the swing of welcoming several ministries that are beginning, starting with the leaders' retreat. This year the work focus will be on strengthening the spiritual lives of all the leaders and ministry participants of the church. Last year we suffered a lot of "falls" from leaders involved in the active work of the church. God showed us that we must care for them and be personally concerned about their spiritual lives. We have the intention of getting even more involved in their lives.

Yentzen welcomed the students from the Bible Academy that our church has. In 2018, eight people graduated from the two year course. This year, besides the two basic years, we are implementing a third year and in total we have almost 30 students studying, both from our congregation as well as other sister churches in Santiago. To God be the glory for the brothers and sisters who want to prepare themselves to serve in the local church.



This year at the church we will be putting more emphasis on missions, teaching the congregation about our missionaries and their work on the ground. During April, we will be preparing the month of missions, an activity we had stopped doing. We are trying to form a team of brothers and sisters who love missions and who can project the work of missions to the rest of the congregations, and in that way make our work with our missionaries more practical. Currently, our church supports missionaries in Mexico, Paraguay, Santiago, and the south of our country in the islands of Chiloé. It is in the latter where we want to project a work with the members of our church, not only that they pray and support, but that they visit and work elbow to elbow with our missionaries Marcelo and Julia.

With this, I invite you to come visit us and see in person our work and service in the congregation. Our home is always open to receive you and for you to spend time seeing how God works in the New Life Baptist Church of Santiago.



Dear ones, we pray and thank God for you and for the concern and care you have always had for us.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

- \* FOR OUR FAMILY
- \* SANTIAGO'S HEALTH
- \* OUR DAUGHTERS' SPIRITUAL GROWTH
- \* WISDOM FOR YENTZEN IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CHURCH
- \* THE BIBLE TEACHING

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New members



Planning the year together with the leaders 2019



Leaders of the ministry with women



Leaders 2019

