

# Under the Southern Cross

## Upside Down, or Right Side Up?

March 2014

Here on the bottom of the globe, we may not walk *upside down*, but as you recall, our seasons and school years are the reverse of the Northern Hemisphere. Our Pacific coast is a lot like the Pacific coast of North America—only in reverse, meaning wet and cool in the south, mild and dry in the north, and...*earthquakes!* In March we saw missionary **Sharon Bisbee** off to a new ministry in **Alto Hospicio, Iquique**. She had no sooner arrived when an 8.2 earthquake struck northern Chile. Please pray that God will use Sharon and her Chilean co-workers, **Hector and Hilda**, to point others to Him during this “*upside down*” time of chaos. During March, we also hosted a couple of other missionary families as they considered transition and/or major change in their ministry lives. Thanks for praying that God’s “*right*” direction would be evident in all decisions and in every step of the way.

You should have seen the mess in February when we gutted the ancient bathroom in a small house connected with our Bible institute! After turning the place completely *upside down*, we were able to surprise **Rubén and Jacqueline**, the Chilean pastoral couple who live there, with a beautiful renovation job. Curtis also put in new windows and safety bars, etc. at the B.I. during the summer. In another big turn-around at our **Bible institute** this fall, the new extension program is definitely *right side up* with 20 students taking distance courses. One of the students is **Marcos**, our camper years ago in Chiloé! Pray as we make plans to celebrate **25 years** of Bible institute in Santiago on August 2. *More on that later...*

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Santiago in February...working on the bathroom project.



**For your information and prayer...**

\* **Christina’s 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year high school exams** will take place May 7-13. Thanks for remembering her.

\* We were recently made aware of **tax law changes in Canada** which may affect our retirement unless we can establish residency in the country. We’ll have to investigate our status further. Hopefully next letter we can let you know these two *upside down* situations are on the upswing!

January missionary conference in Uruguay...pizza under the thorn trees! 40 C. (104 F.), anyone?