

# Under the Southern Cross

## September 2014 Working Plan B...and C...

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### **...in Diane's class.**

The Joy of Serving ladies' class planned to study *"The Mind of Christ"* based on the Gospel of John this year. I was unable to continue teaching 2<sup>nd</sup> semester due to health issues. **Please pray** I can finish the course next year—**Plan B.**

### **Ladies' Retreat**



### **...in Tiffany's life.**

God answered prayer for our oldest daughter and her family when son-in-law Ray got a new job in June. They bought a home outside of Summersville, WV, and were able to move in mid-August, ahead of plan, and get more-or-less settled before Baby #5 put in his appearance on Sept. 16.

**Welcome to Timothy Matthias Parent**, a brother for Zach, Michaela, Alison, and Ethan.

**...at our Bible institute.** *"25 Years of Committing to Faithful Men"* was our theme on Aug. 2 for the celebration of our Bible institute's 25th anniversary in Santiago. We're happy to report that the Bible World Cup was a great success. It was followed by a special thanksgiving service with testimonies from several grads and the message by the first director, Pastor Luis Benitez. In spite of these positive events, we are concerned about the future of the Bible institute. At least 10 years ago, it was turned over to the direction of Chilean nationals (**Plan A**). Then in 2012 Curtis accepted the job of director/coordinator with the idea of forming a team-in-training (**Plan B**). Two and a half years later, we are still wondering where the faithful men are hiding! Just finding teachers for next semester (**Plan C?**) is a challenge. **Please pray** about this crisis in the preparation of future leaders for the Chilean churches.

### **...at our ministry**

**ladies' retreat.** Our committee of 8 met monthly over the past year to organize this event for pastors' wives and missionary women, held Aug. 20-22 at the El Bosque church in Santiago. Our plans went through several transformations, and while it wasn't perfect, we trust it was a blessing for the group of the Lord's servants who attended. The annual pastors' conference was the very next week at Camp El Molle in the Elqui Valley.

### **...in Christina's life.**

**Thank you, thank you** for your many prayers regarding Chris's high school exams. We are happy to tell you that she passed everything and received her Chilean diploma in July. Not sure if this was **Plan B, C, or D** for her! She is now looking forward to the next step in God's unveiling plan for her life.



**Bible World Cup champions**, our daughter's team from Villa Santa Elena church: Gerald, César, Daniela, Christina, and Diego. Back: Jacqueline, their pastor's wife. Front: B. I. Director.

**...in Emily's life.** Emily flew about 36 hrs. from Hong Kong to spend her summer vacation with us during the Chilean winter (July 6-Aug. 4). Since we couldn't be together for Christmas, Thanksgiving, Independence Day, or her birthday, we celebrated all the holidays in July! Emily is now back in China, in a different city and job—not her **Plan A**, for sure! She really needs your **prayers** in her difficult circumstances right now.