

Under the Southern Cross

A Look at the Book Nook

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Today a large dose of **Culture Corner** for you: The joke about “the book” in the library isn’t far off in Chile sometimes, and most libraries here aren’t lending libraries (as we know them), because books have a tendency to walk off and never come back! This had happened over time with our **Bible institute library**, so in the summer (Feb.) Curtis and a student enclosed one end of the B. I. entry way as an 8’ x 10’ **book nook under lock-and-key**. Diane has taken on the challenging project of cataloguing and organizing all those books. Among the curiosities: *rows of donated hardcover volumes that have rarely been opened!... missing halves of sets... only a handful of missions books, on the mission field!... George Black’s 1940’s Spanish lessons... no category for counseling?... a 1951 play about Allen Gardiner and the martyrs of Picton Island, Tierra del Fuego (Google it!)...a pictorial of Chilean evangelical leaders after the ’73 coup...almost zilch for good biographies and fiction. We’re open to suggestions on how to improve the library and on how to develop a habit and culture of reading (and returning!) among our students.*



Prayer requests:

- Praise the Lord we have the **Bible institute** program set up for next year (in view of our 2016 furlough). Please remember to pray for us as we plan end-of-school-year events, a special night to honor our teachers, etc. Pray for recently-ordained **Pastor Rubén** and his wife **Jackie** who will carry much of the B.I. ministry next year.
- Praise the Lord for His care during another major **Chilean earthquake** and tsunami on Sept. 16. Pray for those affected and for Chile as a nation. People wonder if there’s a connection between the quake and the congressional abortion debate? The Lord knows.

During the September patriotic holidays, our Chile field got together in Temuco for a mini-retreat and discussion of a Christian life book, **Lord, Change My Attitude**. Thanks to the missionaries down south for this profitable time of fellowship.

The last week in September we enjoyed hearing **Jim and Elizabeth George** speak in Santiago to promote their Bible study books. Our daughter’s friend, **Angela Flores**, interpreted for Elizabeth (below). We were surprised at the enthusiasm in the ladies’ session, wondering if it represents a real expressed need or merely celebrity-mania. Whatever the cause, we have a burden to see more **Chilean** scholars and writers take up their pens or laptops and use their talents for God in this area. Chile represents a literary desert! Diane writes, but no one can write for Chileans like a Chilean.



We had a wonderful visit with Curtis’s **family** in British Columbia and then with our three daughters in West Virginia in July. We appreciate your continued prayers for them, especially for the job needs of the two youngest. Tiffany (like her mother) collects—and uses—*cookbooks*! She could probably write one entitled **101 Ways to Fix Garden Zucchini**. 😊

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