



# Under the Southern Cross

## ...On Higher Ground...

A doctor told me recently that I need “more exercise” (he’s right, of course!), so this fall I started hiking to Herradura Beach at the bottom of our hill as often as I can. This is definitely into the Tsunami Zone. On every return walk home (puff!), I pass the sign that lets me know I’m back on **higher ground**...in the Secure Zone. Since Coquimbo has had three tsunamis in the past eight years, it’s kind of good to know we don’t have to evacuate for the frequent tremors (another one of 6.4 just this week)! Our rented church facility in Punta Mira is located on even **higher ground**, a 5-minute car ride farther up the hill. As the city expands and new neighborhoods spring up **higher** and farther out, we continue to look for a suitable property for the growing church group in the area. **Please pray** about our ongoing search for a piece of land and for the funds needed. It seems we’re going to end up on...**Higher Ground**.



Ever hear of the **Higher Grounds Café**? In the absence of Tim Horton’s (hehe), we always brew a big Thermos of coffee for our weekly breakfast meetings with Pastor Víctor and Myrian Beñaldo, whether at their home (as above) or ours. We are thankful that the Lord has given us a home large enough to host gatherings for our local fellow pastors and to provide hospitality to friends, colleagues, and travelers. This coming week we’ve invited church elders, Dixon Pérez and Cristián Díaz, and their wives, Johanna and Marcela, for dinner. **Pray** it will be a profitable time of fellowship. And please **pray** that we may stay **grounded** in what matters most—grace, truth, and the **highest** glory of God.

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### Praise Items

- For a wonderful time of teaching ministry at a family camp in Licán Ray in February.
- For another opportunity to teach at a leadership retreat over Easter weekend at El Molle camp.
- For a young couple, Eloy and Galith, who have agreed to join us to help with the church music.

### Prayer Requests

- For children and young families in our church—so many and so many needs!
- For Curtis’s Coquimbo Bible institute class (about 8 men students) on Expository Preaching; for a Friday evening discipleship class with Cristián Flores and his wife, Mariana.
- For Diane’s two weekly ladies’ Bible studies. About 15-20 women attend between both groups.