

# Under the Southern Cross

March 2016

## Overwhelmed...

...is more or less how we feel during this final week in Chile as we prepare to depart on April 3 for our upcoming furlough. You'd think after 34 years of doing this, it would get less hectic – but somehow it doesn't! ☺ With the school year just getting underway again in Chile, there have been many details to care for in just a few short weeks:

- saying our good-byes at the churches (Easter Sunday in Monteverde, to the right)...
- finishing the library and files project as we welcome a good crop of new students at the Bible institute...
- painting the mission house and caring for other maintenance jobs...
- handing over finance responsibilities...
- running to medical appointments...
- ...and a myriad of other loose ends needing last-minute attention.

In the midst of the rush, we have also been **overwhelmed** and touched by the kindness and concern of our many friends and co-workers, missionaries and nationals. Thanks to those who...

- celebrated Christina's college graduation with us last weekend...
- visited to encourage us...
- gave toward digital books for travel reading...
- helped us with packing, cleaning, driving, and graphics...
- found us a furlough vehicle, waiting in Nova Scotia.

You know who you are! God has certainly **overwhelmed** us with blessings.

Hope to see you soon,

*Curtis & Diane*



### Pray for...

- Curtis's continued recuperation from the knee replacement surgery on Jan. 23. Diane's numerous health issues (sometimes overwhelming too).
- A restful journey via ship from Valparaíso, Chile, to Vancouver, BC. (Our option to avoid flying at this time, due to post-op blood clot risk.)
- Wisdom as we put together our furlough schedule, beginning in western Canada this time.
- The smooth running of the Bible institute during our absence, and especially for Rubén and Jacqueline who will be holding the fort.

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