

Under the Southern Cross

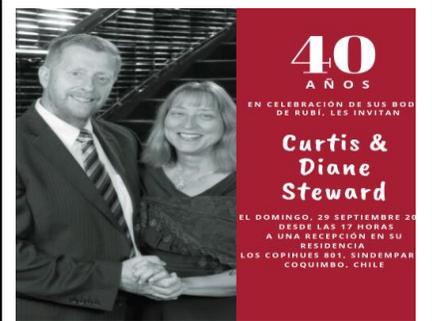
Red-letter Celebrations

September 2019

September 29—our 40th Anniversary—has been marked on the calendar in **red** for months now, as we planned to share this celebration of marriage with the couples and families in the Punta Mira church as well as friends and Chilean co-workers in the area (the way we shared our 25th with friends in Santiago). The preparations went on for weeks, and while the reception is over now, we'd like to pause to thank the Lord for the opportunity to bless and be blessed, to encourage and be encouraged, for the chance to renew old acquaintances and to give testimony of what God has done in and through our lives as a couple. **"The best is yet to be!"**

Working backwards, other recent **red-letter events** include:

- September 27** – Curtis's birthday. After 61 years, he chose carrot cake instead of chocolate. Proof we can ALWAYS change!
- September 18-19** – National patriotic holidays in Chile. On the 19th, we were invited to TWO different parties!
- September 14** – Sunday school picnic at a church family's cottage in nearby Tongoy.
- September 12** – For our monthly couples' meeting, we showed the movie **Fireproof** and took home decorated salt and pepper shakers as a reminder.
- September 6** – Sushi get-together with leadership couples at Dixon and Johanna's home.
- September 2-7** – A missionary friend spent the week with us and then joined her husband to celebrate their 50th anniversary in the area.
- August 30** – For Diane's birthday, we visited Valle del Encanto, a park with petroglyphs—rocks and cactus!
- August 23** – Coffee party with local pastors' wives at my house.
- August 11** – Church couples' meeting with Bible games.
- August 2** – Mid-year ladies' tea with both women's Bible study groups at my house.
- July 28** – Leadership couples' barbecue at our house. These special times with the young couples (the husbands work with Curtis on the elders-in-training team) has been a profitable investment.



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For Praise and Prayer:

- Emily has bought a home in Greenville, SC, and will move in after Oct. 8th.
- Christina recently started her 3rd year of studies at Bob Jones U.
- Ongoing ladies' Bible studies twice weekly.
- Men's Bible discussion group, starting in October.
- Choir "debut" Oct. 11 😊
- Counter-Current, weekly kids' club.
- Year-end activities, a full calendar starting in November.



Leaders' dinner



September 18 celebration