

Under the Southern Cross

Swimming Against the Current

December 2018

Dixon and **Eloy**, two of the men on our leadership team, had a burden for the older kids (ages 9-14) both in the church and in the Punta Mira neighborhood. Six months ago they (with their wives, **Johanna** and **Galit**) started an outreach club called *Contra Corriente* (“Counter Current”), held each Friday after school. Their purpose is to encourage the up-and-coming youth group to swim against the world’s current from this young age.

The club has been well attended and fills a definite need in our congregation, so we are thankful for the young couples and their families who are enthusiastic about serving the Lord in this important area. While we visit to oversee occasionally, it’s their ministry and their way to exercise their gifts! On Dec. 7, we enjoyed their closing party, where everybody received a little blue backpack with the logo of a fish—swimming upstream!

The Lord has blessed our small group in Punta Mira with several good men. Both Dixon and Eloy took the preaching class Curtis taught at the Coquimbo Bible institute this past year and have taken turns practicing in our adult Sunday school class. May the Lord continue to use them here.



Asking Prayer:

- For the young ladies baptized, **Anaís** and **Mildred**, as they will definitely be swimming against the current of an “old” life.
- For wise follow-up of contacts made during special outreach events over the Christmas season.
- For our safe travels to conference and camp at Licán Ray and other summer activities.
- For plans for 2019, the new school year starting in March.
- For—**ONCE AGAIN**—the needed property for a more spacious and adequate church building.
- For the young leaders in training for the new church.



Other Special Events:

- **Baptism** and Sunday school picnic held at the local camp, El Molle, Dec. 9 (see photo above).
- **Couples’ Club** closing supper meeting, Nov. 17, with 12 couples.
- Our **“Women’s Time”** year-end wrap-up at our house—tacos and scrapbooking party, Nov. 30.
- Sunday school **Christmas program**, to a packed church yard—100+ attendance, Dec. 23 (see photo). We had to move outside—no room in the inn-side!
- Ever heard of **Thanksgiving at New Year’s**? Our Dec. 30 morning service will be a time of “gratitude” testimonies and a special offering towards musical instruments.

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