



**The Gomez Family**

**Free Methodist World Missions**

## Serving Latin America

Jan. 13, 2010

### Dear Friends,

2010 years have passed since Jesus walked upon our soil. Despite the passing of 2010 years, millions today know Jesus personally. In 2010 years, many have never even heard the name of Jesus. Our primary goal in 2010 is to introduce more people to Jesus, so that they too may call him friend, and help people as they still walk with Him.

Juliana can often be heard saying things like, "We're missionaries and missionaries share." Or "We're missionaries, so we need to tell them that Christmas is Jesus' birthday, not Santa Claus'." Or "We're missionaries so we need to tell them that God loves them." The fact is that we are all called to be God's hand and feet in this world, and we pray that each of us will do our best to share his love with others so that now, even 2010 years later, the whole world will know Him!

### The Story Relived - 2010 years later

Las Novenas Navidenas (the Christmas Devotions) at *Comunidad Cristiana Casa Grande* were a success. An average of 35 people - from the neighborhood - attended each of the nine nights of outdoor services and witnessed a retelling of the Christmas story through music, video, spoken messages, and drama. Visitors from as far away as a Baptist Church in Santiago (that brought their Choir for a musical presentation), the USA (namely Beth's Dad and Step-Mom), Joseph, and their donkey) and the Far East (3 darling their Christmas memories. Beth's niece, Kristin, also joined the musical team. We just wish you could have seen how seriously Jonathan took his role as one of the wise men.



Nazareth (Mary, Magi) shared some of



The events helped create the spirit of Christmas and helped everyone rediscover the true meaning of the season - something that has sadly been lost in this consumeristic, Chilean society.

It is our prayer that this event has formed a strong foundation for the growth of the church in 2010. *Comunidad Cristiana Casa Grande* celebrates 1 year of service this month. A big birthday party is being planned for January 24, 2010.

### 2010 Challenges

Sometimes it does feel like the To Do List is actually 2010 items long!

**There are so many ministry opportunities for us in this new year.**

Alpha in English continues to go well and we are now planning to lead Alpha for Couples - a 7 session marriage strengthening program! We've moved our church service times back to Sunday morning, to hopefully better accommodate some of the neighbors who began attending during our Christmas program.



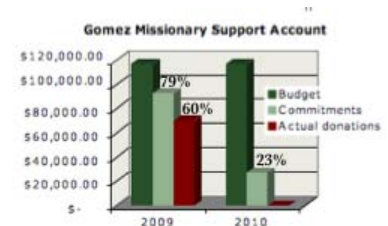
The Bible Institute courses will begin in March. We hope to offer 4 courses a semester - a huge jump from 1 per semester. We'll be traveling to Northern Chile to see about the possibilities of growing the FM church there. And of course, that doesn't even include the ongoing ministry to all of Latin America - or family time.

**There are also lots of opportunities for you to be involved in our ministry.** We wrote a Christmas newsletter for each of you this year, but then could not afford to have it printed. It highlighted our ministry in 2009, shared our plans for 2010 and outlined the facts that: #1) we need to know who will be continuing their pledges for year 2010. #2) we need about \$20,000 in new pledges for this year.

Because we understand the ever-changing reality of the economic landscape, we cannot assume that all donors can and will continue their financial pledges. Therefore, you can get involved by following the ABC's of ministry support (if you haven't already)...



**"A - Announce Annually** your personal AND your church's faith pledge for the Gomez Missionary Support Account. We base our budgets and fund-raising efforts on commitments. Please let us know either through the Web site or directly to us the amount of your support. Soon, please!



**B - Be Bold** about your pledge. 'Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.' Hebrews 11:1

**C - Cash, Checks and Cards** are all accepted. You can give online safely and easily at <http://www.fmwm.org/give> or mail your gifts to:

Free Methodist World Missions  
PO Box 535002  
Indianapolis, IN 56253-5002

Where the Money Goes...



As always, we thank you so much for your ongoing support of our ministry - through your prayers, notes and financial gifts. It is truly that support that makes our ministry possible, here at *Comunidad Cristiana Casa Grande*, in Chile and throughout all of Latin America.

We pray that 2010 will be an extra-blessed year for you.

**In His precious 2,010 year old name,**  
Ricardo, Beth, Juliana & Jonathan Gomez  
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## Prayer Concerns

### Haiti!

After yesterday's debilitating earthquake in Haiti, we pray for peace, we pray for comfort, we pray for the supply of every physical need, and we pray that God's presence will be felt despite the horror of this event. We particularly pray for fellow missionary and friend, Jeanne Atcheson-Munos, and her friends Merle, Gene and Erlin who have not yet been located. We also pray for Jack Munos and Katie Zook's rapid recovery from their injuries.

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Also, please be in prayer for Pastora Daisy and her father. He was just diagnosed with cancer. It is hard for her to be so far from home in times like this.

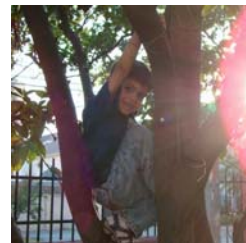
## Transitioning to 2010



Juliana turned 6 on December 10. Her new year began with a surprise visit from her grandparents! We all had a GREAT time.

Lots of other great things happened as 2009 drew to a close but since we are so late in sending this out, we limited it only to a few.

A stomach bug took up residence as the rest of us began the new year. As this goes out, I think we are all out of the woods. We apologize for the delay in getting this written.



## Ministry Calendar

January/February 2010

**Jan. 15** - Santiago District Pastora's Luncheon

**Jan. 16** - Alpha in English & Church Baby Shower

**Jan. 17** - Presidential Elections in Chile - All social/public gatherings are strictly prohibited!

**Jan. 23** - Santiago District Administrative Seminar & Planning Day

**Jan. 24** - Alpha in English & Church Birthday Party

**Jan. 29-31** - Visiting churches in Ovalle, Chile about possible incorporation into FM

**Feb. 1-5** - Children attend Vacation Bible School

**Sundays beginning Feb. 7** - Alpha in English & Church

**Feb. 13** - 2nd Annual Valentine's Dinner

**Saturdays beginning Feb. 20** - Alpha for Couples

**Feb. 27** - Santiago District Children's Workers Training