



Weekly Update

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Christian Community, Casa Grande News

Attendance Increasing

Santiago, Chile - February 11, 2009- Attendance at Saturday's service was the best yet as 19 people showed up to worship the Lord. Of those in attendance, 4 were there for the first time. One couple was just married the week prior.



An additional 25 people attended a special outreach event on Sunday evening. The potluck dinner was hosted at and by the church for a local Kayak Club. During dinner, Pastor Luis provided live music. Afterward, he shared a short evangelical message and invited them to "come to church."

Saturday's service was the fifth service for the new church. When including Sundays event, 56 different people have attended at least one service at the new church.

How to Pray for the Ministry of Casa Grande

Praise God for the visitation ministry of Pastor Luis as he is quickly becoming a trusted friend in the neighborhood.

Pray for safety for Pastor Luis, Daisy, and the children. Their neighbor was a victim of an armed robbery last week, a car was stolen from in front of Casa Grande, a crazy man has been walking by screaming blasphemes and, to top it off, the cables to the security system were accidentally cut when cleaning up the house/church.

Pray that the financial needs of both the church and the pastoral family be met.

Pray for 3 women who have attended church and are struggling with an alcoholic husband/father. All 4 of them, father included, have reservations for the Valentine's dinner.

Pray for the Valentines dinner this Saturday night. We were hoping that we could have 40 attendees. People keep calling and stopping by in order to purchase tickets. We are now expecting to host over 50 adults and 15 children beginning at 6:30 p.m. Saturday. This evening is evangelistic in nature and most of the attendees have never attended or do not regularly attend a church.

Praise God for the team of cooks, waiters, musicians, florists, children's workers and parking lot attendants who have volunteered their time to make this ministry possible



(there will be at least 17 people working from 5 different churches). We are also thankful for other community churches who are allowing Casa Grande to borrow sound equipment, AV equipment, tables and chairs for the event.

About Christian Community, Casa Grande

Casa Grande is a Free Methodist Church plant in Santiago, Chile. The first service was held Saturday, January 10, 2009. It is pastored by Luis Alberto Vera and his family, Daisy, Luis Fernando (age 5), and Daviana (age 1) who moved to Chile from Colombia in December 2008. They are working in conjunction with The Gomez Family, Free Methodist Missionaries to Latin America.

About Supporting the Church

There are many ways to support this church plant, through both your prayers and financial gifts. There are many projects to do to improve the home/church so we welcome work teams. Of course financial gifts can be given through Free Methodist World Missions. The most pressing need at this time is monthly support of Pastor Luis' family. These gifts should be directed to Chile - Theological Training/Practicum Support by using [this link](#) or sending checks with that information in the memo line to the FM address below.

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Thank you for your prayers

Please feel free to share the information contained here with other members of your church. Send us their email addresses if they would like to get their own copy.

Blessings,
Ricardo, Beth, Juliana and Jonathan