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Prayer Letter for October-December 2010  
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Dear Friends and Co-laborers,

We trust that this letter finds you & yours doing well and resting in our God's sovereignty. Romans 11:36 has been a blessing to me recently: "For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen."

As always, it is a privilege to send a few lines your direction to attempt to apprise you of events in our lives and ministry. Here we go . . .

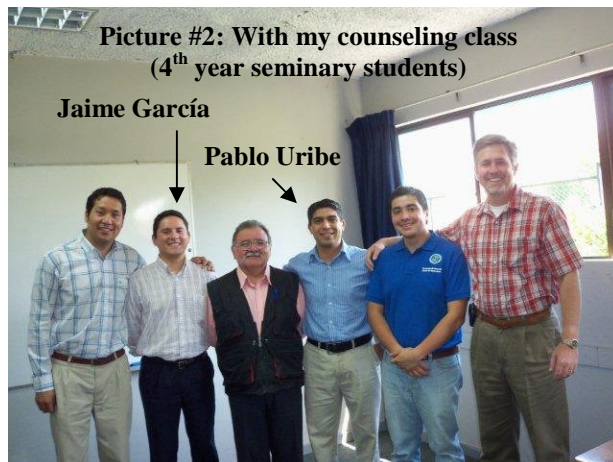
## *Special Meeting*

November 3-7, I was able to preach at *Iglesia Bautista Las Acacias* (Las Acacias Baptist Church), which is pastored by my good friend *Julián González*. We had a wonderful time and are thankful for God's working in lives and the decisions that were made. (See *Picture #1*)



## *Biblical Counseling Class at Seminary*

The Lord has given me the opportunity to teach Biblical Counseling at a seminary founded and run by some fine Baptist brethren (both American missionaries and Chilean pastors). This year, I had 5 fourth-year students in my class. One of my students who will graduate this Saturday (the



Chilean school year concludes in December) is *Jaime García* from our *Iglesia Bautista El Faro* (Lighthouse Baptist Church) (see *Picture #2*). Another seminary student is *Pablo Uribe*, who is from a church on the other side of Santiago from ours, and I was honored to be invited to take part in his ordination service last night (see *Pictures #2 & #3*).

The seminary has added something amounting to a postgraduate degree in Biblical Counseling. The program, which I have the honor of overseeing, is in its first stages and no doubt needs improvement.

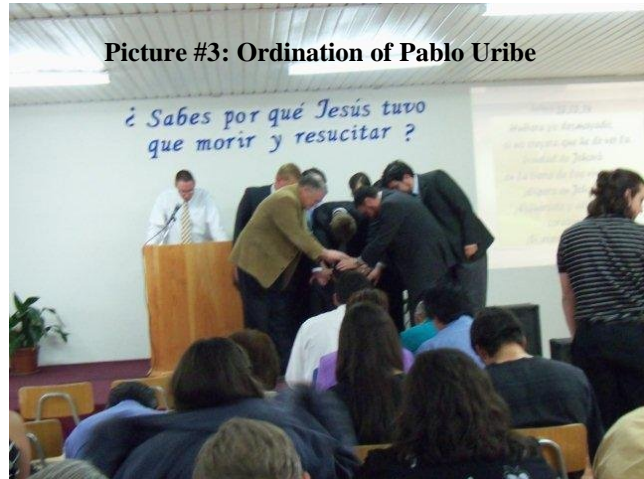
We trust that it will be polished and improved, by God's grace. The first graduate from this program—*Francisco Dévora* (see *Picture #4*)—is having his examination tomorrow (an oral defense of his written thesis). We are excited about the doors God is opening in this area, since Christian Counseling has often been a merely “Christianized” version of one or more secular models.

### ***Building Permit Application on Hold***

As many of you know, we are attempting to get a church building project begun (see *Picture #5*). Building regulations have changed and our application process is currently on hold, pending resolution of an issue which has presented itself. I will not bore you with the details, but I will ask that you pray for a quick, favorable resolution of



**Picture #4: Francisco Dévora**



**Picture #3: Ordination of Pablo Uribe**

the matter.

### ***Cuba***

Over the years, our *El Faro* church has invested literally thousands of dollars in helping our persecuted brethren in Cuba. Yesterday, we had the privilege of hosting Cuban pastor *Félix Romero*, who is visiting churches in Chile for several weeks (see *Picture #6*). His testimony and sermons were a blessing to the church, as well as a challenge to those who desire to live comfortable, apathetic lives.

### ***Thanksgiving***

Even (especially?) in Chile, we enjoy celebrating Thanksgiving. We were able to spend it with several other missionary families. Ministry schedules keep everyone busy, so this time of fellowship was all the more refreshing.

### ***Health Issues***

As many of you know, **Wendy** has suffered for several years with back-related problems. Several months ago, the pain with which she lives 24/7 reached a level she could hardly bear. After several doctors' visits, a number of exams and 2 or 3 weeks of physical therapy, she was hospitalized overnight on October 25 for steroid injections to treat the pain. Due to the fact that the measures mentioned in the preceding sentence have had little effect, the doctors have begun to suspect *spondyloarthritis*, an autoimmune disease



**Picture #5: Church Land**

which typically affects men in their teens and twenties. We have to do one more test, an MRI, before a 100% diagnosis can be made. On top of all these issues, she fell several weeks ago and broke a rib. Please keep her in your prayers.



My (Philip's) oldest brother, **Mike**, has been battling lymphoma for several years. Right now, his situation is extremely critical, and we ask your prayers. Mike and his wife, **Debbie**, live in California.

Also, my 86-year-old dad, **Eldwyn**, fell last week and broke his right hip. He has been hospitalized for several days and will have a partial hip replacement as soon as the doctors can get some other health issues in order. Please pray for him and my mom, **Alice June**. We ask prayer as well for **Sharon Miller** (one of

my sisters), **Robert Miller** (Sharon's husband) and **Megan & Whitney Miller** (Sharon's daughters), who are looking after my parents.

As always, we appreciate you. We are sincerely grateful for each person who plays a part in our lives and ministry.

In Christ,  
**Philip, Wendy, Brooke & Bryson**