



The Dan THOMPSON Family

Serving GMSA Camps in Chile

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Changes At Camp

What comes to mind when you think of camp? For many people, it is the picture of time spent around a camp fire hearing how the Lord worked in camper's lives.

At the Lican Ray Camp, the camp fire area was in a mess. Trees and brush had taken over and the "pit" was used more for trash burning than for hot dog roasting! There was nowhere to sit and enjoy hearing testimonies or singing.



Dan's picture of two "Copihues". Chile's National Flower growing on Camp property.

After a month of work, the Lican Ray Camp now has a nice camp fire area. Trees and brush were cut down to make room for sunlight and the wood was used to make benches around the fire pit.

There is now capacity for 80 people to come and enjoy the warmth of not only the fire but also the warmth of Christian love and fellowship.

Matters For Prayer

- **April 19th** we will be working, along with the camp committee, on a master site plan to give direction to the future development of the Lican-Ray camp. Pray for a spirit of cooperation, and that the design would benefit the spiritual impact of the camp ministry.
- **April 19th- 20th** : Teen Work Camp at Lican Ray Camp
- **May 1st-3rd** : Dan is speaking at a men's retreat in Villa Regina, Argentina
- The Lican Ray camp is without a caretaker at this present time. Pray for wisdom in filling this position.

Getting Involved In Church

We are thankful for the opportunity to serve and be part of a great local church. The Lord has opened opportunities for service within the church, apart from our camp responsibilities.

Dan will be preaching one Sunday a month, and teaching the youth group one Saturday a month. Elizabeth is getting involved with the Women's Bible study and evangelism outreach and also playing flute in the evening service to accompany the congregational singing. We are also excited about the opportunity to support a new church plant outreach in the neighboring town of Pucon.

Please pray for the preaching and teaching of the Word, that many would hear and come to a saving knowledge of our great Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Pray also that His Church would be established in the town of Pucon.



Pastor Ivan Reyes and his family.

Turning Into "Chilenos"

So, are they fluent in Spanish yet? Well, no, not quite. After a little over a month of being in Chilean school, the boys still have a ways to go, but little by little they are picking up the Chilean language and culture.



We catch the boys singing nursery rhymes and school songs in Spanish, that Dan grew up singing, when they think we aren't listening.

Micah's teacher told us Micah understands everything said in class, but is a little shy in talking.

Matthias will repeat anything his teacher asks him to say.

Morgan is not saying much in any language but is advancing at her own pace.

Both boys enjoy their classes and are learning the Chilean National Anthem. They sing it every Monday before school

begins. All three have also learned to greet the "Chilean" way with a kiss on the cheek.

We are thankful for the flexibility of children yet realize the need for extra support during this time. Please continue to pray for their adjustment and for us as parents as we are sensitive to their needs. Pray also that they would see not only the need of the Chileans to hear and receive the good news of the Gospel, but also their personal need for a savior in Jesus Christ.

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