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“Kicking and screaming” may be the best way to describe how Kristen reacted to the idea of going to look at a property for sale in Argentina. “We are NOT moving to Argentina!” blurted out (never say never!). But then, after seeing the property, the house, which was the perfect size for the drug rehabilitation center, the location, and the price, we both shed tears of gratitude that the Lord had led us to this place. But what about Chile? “God, didn’t you call us to Chile?” “What about all the blood, sweat and tears?” He simply asked us to trust Him. So we started to pray, “Lord if you want us to relocate the ministry, provide the means, let the property still be available, show us the way.” And He did.

We started praying for this particular property in January of 2024. He confirmed His will to us every step of the way (let’s be honest, there were a lot of unknowns at first), through connections with local churches, enthusiasm for the project, expressed need, and generally open arms and open doors to go. By August of 2024, we had almost all of the money we needed and were just short by a hair. By faith, we started the purchase process and as we were signing, the needed money came in. On October 23rd, we took possession of a thirty acre property near Mendoza, Argentina, approximately nine hours from our current location (just a hop, skip, and jump over the Andes mountains). The property in Chile is currently for sale, and we plan to move as soon as possible. If we are not able to sell immediately, we will trust the Lord for His guidance and timing, but we would like to be settled by February when the school year starts.

As we mentioned in previous prayer letters, there are many challenges for us in Chile. One of them is that the government this year stopped issuing visas to foreigners. While we have visas, anyone who might desire to come work with us may not be granted a visa or wait for several years to obtain a visa. Another challenge is that there is a large-scale project to install a high-tension electric



line with 150-foot towers that would run right through our property. We looked at many other properties in Chile, but due to high costs and the extremely daunting idea of starting from scratch, we'd hit a dead end, feeling that the Lord was leading us in another direction. The connections we have made here know that they can easily send anyone who needs help to Argentina from Chile to receive it!

The property in Argentina is move-in ready. It could be described as a garden of Eden, with a variety of fruit trees including figs, grapes, apples, peaches, plums, and olives. It also has alfalfa, a large herb garden, a 390-foot well with a diesel-powered water pump and a large holding tank, city water, and irrigation canals that send water once a week to water the property. Kristen and the girls can live in town, which is just five kilometers away, where they will have access to good schools and social activities that they did not have in Chile. Attending church and getting people involved in the project will also be much easier due to the location. All around, it's just a better situation for our family and the ministry! We will be able to start receiving guys as soon as we are able to get settled in! Please pray for us in the moving process, that we can sell quickly or find a solution in the meantime.

How do the girls feel about moving? When Isabel visited Argentina for the first time, she said, "I'm going to live here one day." And that about sums it up! They're very excited and so are we!

Más que vencedores,
Matías and Kristen Ladino

Romans 8:37



PRAYER REQUESTS

- Matías and Kristen's health
- For unity in our team
- Open doors for ministry
- Wisdom in decision-making
- The Lord's protection and guidance over the ministry
- The sale of the property in Chile and a smooth moving process

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