Christ is my treasure



Hello my friends

Greetings from South America. Two months ago I was sent by my senior Leaders Pastor Raul and Sharon Ries and under the leadership of my Pastor Ryan Ries to tour for the Whosoevers full time in Chile and South America. And to simply tell the youth of South America about a loving Father who has a seat waiting for them at His table. If there is one lesson I have learned amidst all the ministry and life lived here in Chile is that Christ is my greatest treasure and reward.

Landing in a new country with a cart full of bags and a heart on fire for Jesus as a missionary in Chile has changed me. Being away from everything I have ever known and the Lord asking me daily "Christina am I enough for you", has simply changed me. Because when Christ is all you have is when you learn that Christ is all you need my friends.

I opened my missions letter with this because in whatever walk of life or ministry you are apart of, let us never forget that Christ and Christ alone is our treasure and the one who will always be more than enough for us in every season of life. May the cross always be your greatest pursuit. My time here in Chile started with several local outreaches. My favorite school was in a small city that is known as the most dangerous city in all of Chile. It is filled with communities called las tomas. Which are basically makeshift houses with no running water or electricity. These communities are filled with migrant workers and their families but also lots of gangs, drugs, abuse, and violence.

We did two Whosoevers school assemblies at a school that was filled with the kids from the las tomas communities. As we shared the gospel the room fell silent and they responded by coming forward to give their hearts to Christ. Hope was given to a hopeless community that day. This school has opened the doors for us to come back after summer in March to share with their 10-12 year old students and to do assemblies for the girls. Because the principle shared with us that it's in this age group that they have seen the most suicide because of the communities they come from. And at this public school the principle saw how the gospel changed these young people's lives.

We spent Christmas Day at a local juvenile detention center with the youth. Singing songs, sharing the gospel, and praying for them. One of the young guys in here has been radically saved and he told us that the first thing he wants to do when he gets out is get baptized. Spending Christmas Day with the youth in the detention center reminded me of

Matthew 25:35-45 💙

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? 38 And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? 39 And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' 40 And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers,[a] you did it to me."

At Christmas time the Lord put it on my friends to ask my friends at our local Calvary Chapel here about doing a vacation Bible school for the kids here in Chile. Since we just started summer and kids are out of school and most of the children are just running the streets while their parents are at work. With great joy they said yes and I am excited to be organizing our first VBS here in Chile for the children in our community. Ending with Friday night of inviting the parents to hear the children sing the songs from the week and where my friend Seba who is our Whosoevers South America ambassador and senior pastor of Calvary Chapel Iquique will give a gospel message to the parents as well. Followed by baptisms on the beach the next day.

Now as we look ahead. Our youth are back in school starting March 1st. Where we will be invading the schools in the north of Chile for the month of March. And then headed to the South of Chile to to invade the public schools in several cities in the south with the gospel. In May we are planning a two week tour in Colombia to invade the public schools with the gospel and to see a generation of young people come to know Christ. In addition to our Whosoevers tours I will also continue to be leading worship in Spanish monthly at our local Calvary Chapel here in Iquique and visiting an orphan girls home monthly that houses girls that have experienced trauma and abuse.

As I continue my journey here in South America my friends I have one goal, to make sure the tables in heaven are filled. There is a song that a group of college students sang that has daily rang loudly in my soul and it simply says "how will they know if we don't go." So that is my goal, to GO so that they may know the gospel that saves, redeems, and sets free.

I want to ask that all my friends out there will be praying for the next few months as we start school again in March. It's going to be a beautiful harvest here in South America and your prayers and support mean the world to me.

If you would like to support the work the Lord is doing here in South America you can give a tax deductible donation by writing a check to Calvary Chapel Golden Springs and make sure to put "Christina Missions Chile" in the memo. Or to make a donation online, you can call the church office and ask to speak to accounting and they will guide you through our website on how to give online to receive a tax deductible donation as well.

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Love and blessings

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