

Easter, 2009

# The Gipsies

Dear you all,

May God bless you richly! So much time has gone through that I consider it impossible to even try to tell you all that I should...

At last, I graduated from the CEP (Anglican Centre for Pastoral Studies - Diocese of Chile). They were two tough and beautiful years. I made friends there for this world and the next. It was like a family and, of course, when I was ready to leave home... I had to go!



When I say we left it, it's not only in terms of the graduation but also due to the fact that on February we moved almost 1,400 km. from our home city (Santiago) into the desert (Antofagasta in the Atacama desert). For all of you who like movies, we're quite close to the place where 007 Quantum of Solace was filmed (in the movie they say it's Bolivia but actually it's Chile). I say "quite" in terms of the distances up here... everything is far away. However, although there are vultures and a tree is a miracle, don't think of us as wandering alone searching for water (though water does come from far away by means of massive pipes). We live in a city with 285,000 inhabitants, where you can find almost everything you need. Except for wheaten bread, of course!



**ANTOFAGASTA IS KNOWN AS THE CITY "WHERE THE DESERT MEETS THE OCEAN".**

The landscape is all brown and blue, no green at all!





The church we're working at has two congregations, both friendly and loving. One is Spanish-speaking and the other one English-speaking. As the reverend in charge, Bruce Hallyburton, is on his furlough period until June, it's a busy time for us. I'm glad and grateful because new people and families have come to both services and they have decided to stay with us. Glory be to God! One of the new families came with

his son one Sunday. The boy was having nightmares and was tormented because of that, but being our Lord so majestic and tender, we prayed for him with the rest of the kids at the service and... the nightmares ended! Such a mighty Saviour we have!

It's true also that we miss lots of our friends, so visits are **very** welcome! I want to thank God too (and you who prayed), because our son Tomás' skin has improved a lot. Having said that, UV radiation here is quite dangerous, so we try to avoid the sun as much as possible... but he's doing much better. Rejoice with us!

That's it for now. We love you deeply. May the Lord of peace, whose triumphant resurrection we remember and celebrate these days (and everyday) keep your hearts joyful and full of His truth.

Love and hugs and blessings for you all from Suyai, Tomás and me.

In Christ,

Gerardo (Gerry) Gimpel

Prayer points:

- Pray that more families and new believers will come to Christ.
- Pray for us to find a house. We need to find one before the reverend and his family return from their furlough time.
- Pray for more leaders-servants, especially in order to have a Sunday school for the English-speaking congregation.
- Pray for the Hallyburtons and the admirable work they do here. Big hearts they have.
- Pray for Tommy's skin, thank God that it's almost clear now and please ask for protection.
- And, last, as Solomon, I'm quite "young" and have to serve a congregation, so please pray that God may give me wisdom and discipline. Amen!

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