

## CMS Latin Partner Bishop Abelino Apeleo Araucaría Region, Southern Chile August 2014

### Introducing students at the Rural Bible Institute in Temuco



This year we have four students who are totally committed to the Lord's work back in their rural communities. They are, from left to right: Germán Maripil, Alfonso Antipan, Mario Maripil and Elías Millanguir.

**Germán** is married with two young children. He attends a church in his community 50 km away from Temuco where each week he travels to take part in the Sunday activities

**Alfonso** is also married with two young children and he travels around two hours a day from his farmland to the institute. He is also a leader in his local church.

**Mario** has more of a challenge than the others as in addition to travelling over two hours from his home to Temuco he also has two small girls, and the eldest has a very serious and complex illness. She needs special treatment and has to be taken by ambulance to the hospital, as she is unable to use a wheelchair. The family care for all her needs. Mario and his wife love the Lord in an incredible way.

**Elías** is the only single one of the four but he has also had to struggle throughout his life with a physical condition, which almost made it impossible to study. He travels from the countryside to Temuco to his classes every day.

As you can see these are all mature young people who face difficulties in life but who show great optimism in serving the Lord. They are involved in their local communities and training for ordination to be able to return as leaders of the future.

### Winter in Araucaría

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The hardest months in Araucaría are June, July and August. There is more likelihood of illness, and floods can cause delays in the agricultural work and shortage of fodder for the animals. We also often suffer from impassable roads and overflowing rivers. In spite of these difficulties, it is always encouraging to visit rural churches and see the people coming in after walking several kilometres. They consider it a privilege to make that sacrifice and do not seem to mind the rain and the cold.

I recently visited a place known as the “Zona de PichiPellahuén” or “the Nahuelbuta Range” which is a long distance from Temuco. As I was returning, I came across a tree, which had fallen across the road in the strong winds, so I had to turn back and find an alternative route, which proved very difficult. There was a lot of mud on the road and there were no houses. Thank the Lord I was miraculously able to cross the valley in spite of deep water and mud. I managed to do so by putting down stones and tree branches, and arrived totally soaked and covered in mud!

This type of experience is nothing compared to the kindness and welcome we receive when we finally reach our congregations. They offer all the practical help they can possibly give.

### **Pastor Adelmo and Mirta**



The only pastor in this Zone is Rev Juan Adelmo Cayumán, pictured above with his wife Mirta Cariqueo. They have two teenage children. Adelmo has to travel constantly in spite of the bad weather, as he regularly visits six different churches. Pastor Adelmo has no transport and has to walk up and down steep terrain and sometimes cross valleys to reach the churches he serves

#### **Please Pray:**

- Membership is in decline among some churches in the Araucaría because of young people migrating to the cities to find work. Please pray for the elderly who have to continue in these places until the end of their lives.
- Please pray too for protection for the health of many of our brothers and sisters, as medical facilities are very distant and limited.
- We ask you to pray for students at the Rural Bible Institute, including Germán, Alfonso, Mario and Elías, that their training will be successful and that afterward they will be able to devote themselves to their respective communities.
- Please pray too for the other students who will start their training in 2015
- Please pray for the ministry of Adelmo and Mirta.

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