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DEAR BROTHER MCCORMICK AND FAITHFUL FRIENDS,

It is very difficult to believe that we are already in 2012! It seems just like yesterday when everyone was worried about Y2K, and that was more than a decade ago! Kathy and I pray that each of you had a blessed remembrance of our Savior's birth, and have already begun to see a fruitful New Year full of opportunities to love and make Him known all over this old world. We thank you so much for the really nice Christmas cards, letters, emails and greetings you sent us, some of which were very creative. Also, I am already receiving a lot of cards for my 69th birthday, something that I rejoice in since it represents a great deal of God's love and grace over a long period of time – I was saved at age fourteen in a Christian youth camp here in southern California. Our health issues are ongoing and the doctors have told us to regard them as our "thorn in the flesh" as I probably mentioned to all the pastors on the phone back in October. For instance, Kathy has had a respiratory infection for almost a month now that she is just showing signs of coming out of in the last week. We also had to start with a new HMO medical provider the first of January for Medicare now that both of us are finally together on that wonderful system! So, please keep us on your prayer lists –we would certainly appreciate it.

Again I would like to make clear to each of you that we have not retired from active ministry nor from the Lord's work. We have only chosen the "retired" category through our missions organization, the Baptist Bible Fellowship, because at our age and without being able to be resident missionaries in Chile due to our medical problems, the only two options we were offered were "resign or retire". God called me to be a church planter back in 1973, and that call has never been rescinded. Therefore, we will continue to try to plant churches until Jesus comes here in our local area of the Inland Empire (which is about 65% Hispanic) of Riverside County, California, under the supervision of our sending church, Calvary Baptist of Bellflower, CA. So we really appreciate and are so grateful to those of you who have decided to continue to stand behind us in this endeavor. We are ready to begin the first church plant here in our own neighborhood in Menifee before the end of the month!

As I promised you folks in our last regular newsletter, the following is a list of the works that God used us to help plant during the 37+ years we were your missionaries to Chile: Villa Macul (1980), El Faro (1984), San Bernardo (1986), Renca-Maipù (1987), Miraflores Alto in Viña del Mar (1988), Las Condes (1990), Loncoche (1992), Lanco (1995), La Florida in La Serena (1997), Calbuco (1999), Third Terrace in Puerto Montt (2000), Villa Olimpica in Puerto Montt (2001), Cochamó (2002), Puluki Island (2002), Algarrobo (2003), Fresia (2004), Loncotoro (2005), Colehual (2006), Osorno (2008), and Castro (2009). Along with these blessings, we had to privilege to help train or mentor many Chileans who are pastors, youth leaders, worship leaders, and at least three church planters as well as their wives. None of this would have been possible without your faithful prayers and partnership in the Gospel ministry, so you folks share in all that has been accomplished for the cause of Christ in Chile through these many years! Because you received a letter through the BBFI missions director in November together with one from us, this present newsletter includes all funds and donations from September through the end of December, 2011. Once again, thank you for your sacrificial investments of \$200.00 for the work of the Lord at "the bottom of the world."

Yours in Christ for Chile,

"Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account." Phil.4:17