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Dear Pastor McCormick and friends at Tri City Baptist Temple

We are reminded here all the time that we are in a battle. It brings back the slogan I teach our national pastors, "if you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen". Recently I have gotten quite a bit of bad news from our national pastors. Pastor Celso in Osorno has a part time job driving a privately owned school van to help make ends meet. He was stopped at a signal and was rear ended causing the van to roll, careening off the road. Thankfully none of the school kids were seriously hurt, but because of the damage he lost the use of his van. Then we received notice from Pastor José Luis in Ovalle that his wife had just had a miscarriage. These are like kids to us as we brought them through our youth department and Rocío, his wife, was a school mate of our oldest boy, Hans. Then we received notice from Pastor Fernando in Tierras Blancas that because they had to discipline immorality in his church, they have lost some key families, this on top of some serious health problems he is facing. Pastor Ruben in Coquimbo also recently faced a big scare as he had a mini stroke. He was able to return to his pastoral duties after a few weeks.

Meanwhile, here in Iquique, we see Satan doing anything and everything he can to keep people from coming to church. We had our 4th anniversary service and the place was packed. Yet about a week later I found out that one of the families I had invited missed the service because the fishing vessel in which he helps supervise capsized the Saturday before our Anniversary Sunday leaving him and his crew floating in the water until rescued. He went to the hospital instead of our service. Yet we have seen God doing a marvelous work in spite of these setbacks. We have seen a number of men saved recently in Iquique including César, Felipe, Andrés and Pedro (teenager). Last Sunday we baptized 5 adults and Pedro. We are now preparing for our 2 Christmas programs, the children's drama-musical and our choir cantata directed by Derick, our son.

As I read about past great missionaries, I somehow long for the days of churches made like grass huts. Instead we live in a very serious earthquake prone area and a city very intense on seeing building codes kept. Our architect has now given us the "bad news". It will cost us \$10,000 for the project (non-construction costs) including all plans, signatures, supervision of the work and another \$800 for the permits. After much checking around, this cost came in at the going rate (not hiked up because we are "dumb gringos"). The building addition we are contemplating will at least triple our capacity for seating in our auditorium which is desperately needed at this time. We appreciate you keeping this and our national pastors in your prayers. Thanks for the \$150 received for October and November!

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