

*"It is not so much as bringing
sinners to Christ but taking
Christ to the sinner"*
Mr George Black
(GMSA Missionary)

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CHILE REPORT

by *Marcella Wilson*

On the 29th December 2018, Ian and I boarded our first flight. This flight would take us from Dublin (3.45pm) to Heathrow (5.10pm) and was only the beginning of our journey to Chile for the GMSA Conference. (Two more flights, an overnight in Santiago and a drive to Temuco to the camp centre would follow). For the 12-18 months prior to this journey I had spent a considerable amount of time wondering what it would be like, wondering why I was going, wondering and pondering about absolutely everything!

When I look back at the photographs of our time in Chile it reminds me why God took me there. It wasn't to preach or teach but I feel God had me in Chile to spend time getting to know the GMSA missionary family. Over the period of the conference I had the privilege of sharing my testimony, sharing with the ladies and sitting under God's word. What a blessing to be able to spend quality time with God's family.

During the sharing times, I realised that God wanted me not only to listen but also share with the missionaries some of my life experiences. There are things we face in life that we may wonder about and it was during the conference that I realised why God had taken me to Chile

with Ian. I honestly believe that God wanted me there to listen! He wanted me there to help those who needed practical help. He wanted me there to offer support in prayer and to get to know the GMSA family in such a way that my prayers would be more specific for their needs.

Since my trip to Chile I have been able to talk to the children at school about Chile, I have been able to share the work at a local GB Parents' Night and we were able to renew fellowship with Bill, Linda and Andrea Hickson (Ohio) when we were on holidays during the summer. God willing in September we will be starting our UK Cabin project for Chile with the Sunday School and Ladies of the fellowship in Rathfriland Baptist.

Our trip to Chile truly was a blessing.



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NEWS

FROM NIGEL & CHARIS

Autumn 2019

'God Is Faithful' (1 Cor 1v9)

As we begin another newsletter we start by once again giving God thanks for His never-ending faithfulness to us as a mission and also as a couple - in three words Paul sums up who God is.

He is a Faithful God. Faithful in provision. Faithful in protection and faithful in praying people.

As always, we want to thank those of you who faithfully remember us and the work of GMSA and who have supported prayerfully and financially. Please know that your kindness is much appreciated.

Trip to Chile 2019

As usual January saw our Missionary Workers Conference take place. This year the venue was the Camp Centre in Lican Ray Southern Chile. Pastor Ian Wilson (Rathfriland Baptist) & Rev. Paul Acheson (Newtownards Congregational) had been invited to share God's word with our missionary family. It was a wonderful time of encouragement, challenge and a privilege to know the Lord's presence and blessing amongst us.

Both men serve on our GMSA UK council and so it was a really beneficial time for them too. They had the opportunity of meeting most of our missionaries and therefore were able to put faces to names. We were greatly blessed during the week and later on in this edition of GMSA News you can read first-hand accounts from Marcella Wilson (Ian's Wife) and Sharon Acheson (Paul's wife) their perspective on the trip.

We want to take this opportunity to thank Ian and Paul's respective congregations for releasing them to accompany Nigel on this trip and for praying while they were away.

BBQ back in May 2019

This was our first GMSA BBQ - held in the Faith Mission centre (Portadown). Thank-you to all who attended and to everyone that helped in anyway. It was a great evening when our mission director Pastor Tom Gibbons and his wife Debbie were able to attend. It was encouraging to hear first-hand reports from those who had been on the work team to Argentina back in 2018 and to hear of the impact for good in their lives.

Openings ahead

Nigel is kept very busy with Sunday services; midweek meetings and we are thankful to the Lord for these opportunities to share The Word and to preach the Gospel. We would request prayer for guidance as we seek more openings to present the work of GMSA and to stimulate more prayerful interest. The places where many of our missionaries are working are difficult and lonely. Church planting is a long-term commitment and often it can be years before a church is established. The ground is hard and so our desire is to see more and more of God's people remembering our missionaries specifically in prayer and sharing in the burden to reach the lost with the Gospel in South America.

Please pray for more openings to present the work to churches and fellowships throughout the UK and Ireland.

Coming Up

In September (DV) Nigel will be speaking at a church missionary weekend (by kind invitation) at Milton Baptist Church, Stoke on Trent. This is a new opening and we look forward to sharing fellowship with the folk there. Please pray that Nigel will know the Lord's help and His word for each of the meetings and that there will be fruit for His glory. Pray also for good relationships to be formed and that there will be a prayerful interest for the work of the mission.

In October (DV) Nigel has been invited to speak at a Church Missionary Sunday in Pennsylvania USA. We would value prayer for safety in travel and mainly that the Lord will give him the right message for that occasion and that His presence will be a felt reality.

In November (DV) Nigel has been asked to conduct a Gospel Campaign in Kilrea Baptist Church. The church has been much in prayer regarding this and have a burden to reach their community with the Good News. God willing this will be a two-week mission and your remembrance in prayer for this time of outreach would be greatly appreciated. We look to the Lord to use His word to change lives and do a lasting work that only HE can do.

Work trip to Chile

God willing, we are planning to take a team to Pirque in Chile in May 2020. GMSA have a camp centre there which

Dan & Becca Vallette and their family are responsible for, and long to see it being used to its full potential for the Lord (you will find a short report by Dan below).

It's our intention to gather a willing group of workers who will give of their time and assist in the development of this centre. If you feel this is something you would like to be involved in, please pray about it, and contact Nigel expressing your interest as soon as possible.

Please see flyer enclosed in this new letter for more information of dates and contact details.

Thank you for your interest in the work of GMSA we really do appreciate it very much and trust the Lord will encourage your hearts with this latest edition of GMSA news.



DANNY VALLETTE'S REPORT

Camp Pirque is a Christ Centred Camp located on the outskirts of Santiago, Chile. More than 7 million people who live in Santiago are able to get to the Camp property through public transportation. That is a tremendous advantage. Imagine the potential.

The Bible Camp exists as a tool for the local churches. As people step out of their daily routines they can focus on God's Word in a different setting. Every effort is made to provide adequate accommodation, good food and service orientated staff. The goal for each camper is to take their next step in their spiritual life.

Work teams have been a fundamental part in moving the Camp ministry forward in the physical aspect and they have been an encouragement to us personally. We have seen several work team members return to serve once again in the Camp ministry. Serving on a work team is a good opportunity to be involved in missions in a practical way without having to learn another language.

We would like to encourage you to consider joining the forthcoming work trip in 2020 to serve with us here in Chile.

**Serving Him,
Dan Vallette**

DAPHNE HALL TESTIMONY

UK Council Member

I was privileged to have been brought up by Christian parents and sent to church and Sunday school. It was only when I went to a youth camp at 15yrs old that I realised that the bible wasn't just a story or history book, but that God was real and I could have a personal relationship with Christ. It was truly a revelation - a bit like watching black and white television and then seeing colour tv for the first time.

I trained as a nurse in Belfast during the 'Troubles' which were difficult and challenging times. It was while nursing a farmer's son with a head injury that I met his cousin and we believed God brought us together.

We have been married over 40 yrs and have 3 children and have gathered up 8 grandchildren. They say looking after them keeps you young but I have my doubts!

It has been a privilege over the years to sing in many churches & missions around the country.

It was whilst singing at several conventions that I got to know Pauline English who was UK General Secretary for GMSA. I booked deputation meetings for her in N. Ireland and would often sing People Need the Lord. The words are so poignant and relevant for today. It

talks about empty people filled with fear and a world where wrong seems right. We need to take every opportunity to share the good news of how God can change lives.

We have a wonderful Saviour.



Stephen & Daphne Hall



GMSA Missionary Conference - Lican Ray, Chile 2019

Pastor Matt Postiff

New Chairman of US Council

In 1998/99, I was a graduate student at the University in our city of Ann Arbor when I met Terry and Carol Thompson and Tom and Debbie Gibbons of Gospel Mission of South America. At that time, I could not have imagined where the Lord might lead. Shortly afterward, our church sent two work teams to Fort Lauderdale, Florida to help with projects at the mission headquarters and homes. I was on those teams. It was also during those years that I sensed God's call to pastoral ministry and took up seminary studies. God was very gracious to send a wonderful woman named Naomi Kornilakis. We were married in early 2003, ordained by our church in November 2004, and called to shepherd the church in May 2006.

Between the births of our second and third sons, brother Terry Thompson inquired if I would like to participate on the U.S. board of the mission. It didn't take me long to say yes. Since then I have travelled to Florida numerous times and enjoyed several trips to South America to visit with our missionaries and share in teaching. Each trip seems to be better than the last. Last year Tom asked if I might consider the responsibility of chairing the U.S. board and participating on the general council of the mission. After 20 years of connection with GMSA, it seemed natural that God had led us to this point and so I accepted the nomination.

It is a tremendous privilege to be able to work with men like Tom, Nigel Kissick, Eric Watson (Canada), and the field directors in South America. Please pray for us that we would know what God would have us to do at each turn. We want to remain faithful, and help the mission to be faithful to God until our Lord returns. May God bless you in the U.K. Someday maybe the Lord will have us come to see you!

Love in Christ, **Pastor Matt & Naomi Postiff**



PROJECT UK CABIN FOR LICAN RAY CAMP CENTRE

It was a privilege for us as a family to join Nigel along with Ian and Marcella Wilson for the annual GMSA Workers Conference at the beginning of this year in Chile. After spending a few days with Danny and Becka Vallette in Santiago we travelled south to the camp centre at Lican Ray. What a spectacular setting and a great welcome from the mission family. Having spent a number of years working at camp centres with Faith Mission in Ireland I felt right at home and could fully appreciate the hard work that had gone on to prepare the centre for everyone's arrival. Over fifty years ago each mission family built a cabin as temporary accommodation for the time they stayed at the centre. These cabins have stood the test of time as many of them are still in use today but like everything else they

are showing their age and ready for replacement. Danny and Liz Thompson who are responsible for the centre at Lican Ray have already embarked on this project and are doing a great job. Of course their ministry is much wider than practical work and it was a great joy to hear of the children and young people they are reaching for Christ through the camps. While there, the Lord really put it on the heart of Marcella and I to provide the funds for the building of another new cabin. From this September we plan to involve the children in our Sunday schools and adults of our fellowships in various ways to support the funding of this new UK cabin. We would appreciate both your prayerful and practical support for this work.

Sharon Acheson



GMSA UK WORK TEAM 2020

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**Pirque Camp Centre
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15th-30th May 2020**

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WORKING
ALONGSIDE
**DAN & BECCA
VALLETTE**

We are grateful to Pastor Trevor Gillanders (from Abbot's Cross Congregational Church, Belfast) for this article on 'O Magnify The Lord' Ps34v1-6

O MAGNIFY THE LORD

There are two kinds of magnifying: microscopic magnification and there is telescopic magnification. Microscopic magnification makes a small object look bigger than it is. Telescopic magnification helps make an object appear as big as it really is.

When the Psalmist says, 'magnify the Lord', it does not mean to make a small God look great, it makes a big God appear as great as He really is.

We cannot make God any greater than He is. But we can make others have greater thoughts about Him than they do now. We can help people see the wonderful love He has for them. We can help them appreciate the greatness of His grace. We can help the multitudes see how merciful He is. We do this by giving God the glory for all that He has accomplished in our lives. We do this by trusting Him with every issue of our lives.

Psalm 40v2-3 "He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord."

Just recently in our church, a number of very needy folk were saved. Some were saved from drugs, gambling and many of the vices that are around today. Folk told one of these new believers how great it was that he had turned his life around. He quickly replied, 'It wasn't me it was God that had turned my life around.' I trust we all make it our goal to give God the glory for what He has done for us!

Psalm 40:16 "Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation say continually, The Lord be magnified."

Pastor Trevor Gillanders

*(serves on our UK
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