



# The Southern Cone Connection

The Dan Thompsons  
in Chile

with Gospel Mission of South America

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## 2014 September Retreat

We give God the glory for a wonderful September retreat. There are times when there is no question in our finite minds that God is at work and that He will make His purposes known to us. We started the retreat this year with our camp team coming a day early to prepare the camp for campers. Our main speaker arrived from Argentina after a day's drive and found out that his mother in law had been killed after a breaking and entering at her home. He left the next morning to be with his wife and family. It was a huge shock to us, but **the Lord was in control!** Our other speaker called and said that his aunt had passed away, but upon hearing what happened in our main speaker's life, he had decided to come anyway instead of staying with his family. **The Lord was in control!** Danny started studying to make up the speaking times that were missing and the team got into gear. **The Lord was in control** and He gave the strength and wisdom to keep going.

God worked in hearts and our counselors had great opportunities to share the gospel and challenge teens to look to God's Word for the answers to their problems. Our main theme was "Adoration" and what God wants from us, his creation. The teens and the team left camp refreshed and wanting more! **The Lord was in control!**

Here are some testimonials and words of thanks we received after the team went home:

Giselle (first time serving at camp) writes: "I take advantage now to thank you for the opportunity to serve the Lord at camp. It was a very good time for me to reflect and make decisions concerning my life, seeing that apart from serving, I was able to also be edified by God's Word. Every moment was a benefit to me as I took time to get to know other brothers and sisters in Christ during my break times. I am going home challenged, knowing that I can always serve God better. Thank you very much for everything and for the ministry you are doing, which contributes to the edifying of the church and glorifies the name of our God. Big hug, love you. Giselle (a 20 year old from Miraflores)

Allison (served as counselor) writes: "I give thanks to the Lord for the privilege of serving alongside such a great team this year. I admire each one of you for the example of service you gave to the Lord. You are a great blessing to me!!! Allison (from Pitruquen)

Angela (served for the first time in the kitchen) writes: "I am really thankful to God for all I learned while serving in the kitchen at camp, even through all the tears (ALL those onions to chop!). I am thankful also for the team who was used and guided by our God. I hope to have the opportunity to serve again. Angela (from Chillan)

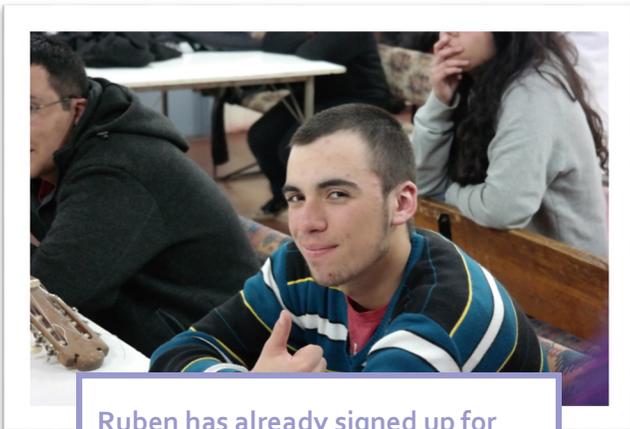
## Two New Programs to Pray about for this summer

This summer we are introducing 2 new opportunities for churches to participate in. One program is tailored to young men wanting to serve for one or two months of their summer full-time in camping ministry and the other is an opportunity for pastors or youth leaders to accompany their teens or young people to camp for free.

“Doulos” (Greek for slave) Program— We are praying for 4 young men who would raise prayer and financial support to serve full time this summer at camp. Danny will be working one on one with each one, mentoring them spiritually and through physical work on camp. Our goal is to see young people take concrete steps towards serving the Lord full-time and using their summer vacation as an opportunity to serve others and grow spiritually.



“Sponsorship Program” —Many of our campers are not encouraged by their church leadership to participate in camp. Most of them come by their own volition and initiative. Our goal is to promote the interest of the churches’ leadership by inviting a sponsor to accompany the teens to camp. This sponsor would go to camp for free and be able to give a first-hand testimony of what their teens are experiencing and learning at camp. This has never been done before in our camps in Chile, but we pray that the Lord would use this program to help with follow-up and discipleship in the lives of the teens.



Ruben has already signed up for the Doulos Program. Pray for Him!

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Dear Praying friends,

We are still making our furlough plans for March of 2015, but are still waiting on confirmation for our replacements. We should know by the end of October. Thank you for continuing to uphold us in prayer. We look forward to seeing you as we visit our supporting churches and individual supporters.

Thank you for partnering with us in the ministry of the gospel here in Chile,

Danny, Liz, Micah, Matthias, Morgan and Madeline