

# THE CONCE COUNTDOWN

## Module V



We gathered last month in College Station, Texas at the A&M Church of Christ to participate in our final training module under Halbert Institute for Missions (Halbert). The weekend was called, "Family and Supporters Workshop." It was a special weekend for our team as representatives from our sponsoring congregations and family members attended to align

understandings of our team's vision for ministry and to equip these important people to support us while we are abroad.

Our team began with a presentation on our formation, the city of Concepción, our vision, strategy, and other important elements of our plans. It was a great opportunity for family members and supporters to hear these topics discussed by the team in its entirety. During the weekend, Halbert facilitated meaningful conversations with the group, for instance, the acculturation process and how to be supportive partners during this season of a missionary's ministry. The weekend also provided several opportunities for us to seek God together in prayer. We were richly blessed by these

moments of prayer as family and supporters lifted up our team and plans to the Lord.

The best part for us was when we blessed our parents. Our parents have played such an integral role in our development over the years and will continue to do so as we serve God in Chile. This was a chance for us to share with them words of gratitude, special recognition, and hopes for their futures. They were totally surprised by this part of the weekend!

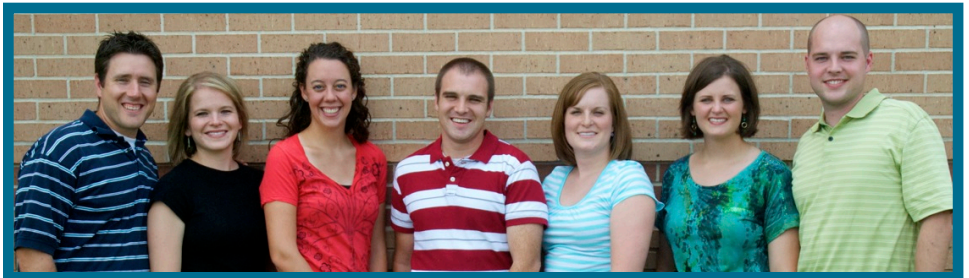
We are already experiencing new levels of ownership and support from those who attended the event. It was an extremely positive weekend and it brings us one giant step closer to Chile.

-Wes

## A&M Support

Our team has been supported this year (2010) by the A&M Church of Christ in College Station, Texas. A few years ago the church shifted their focus on missions. Rather than supporting missionaries on the field, the church supports missionary teams in training for a year prior to their departure. Ultimately, they help teams *get* to the field. Innovative, helpful, and so needed!

Because of their support, we were able to leave our full-time work and focus on intensive



training, deepening team and sponsoring church relationships, learning Spanish, and fundraising. Their support expedited our fundraising efforts, and even offered credibility to our team. We have also been able to spend more time with our families before leaving, which has been

an immense blessing. The A&M church is full of wonderful people, who genuinely love God and His mission throughout the world. We have been richly blessed by their support, hospitality, and generosity.

-Ellen

### Prayer Requests

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