

A Fresh Start

The crazy picture, here, is a family photo from Christmas time. Imagine. Nearly two months have passed since we were celebrating the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ! By now, many of us may have forgotten what we received as presents and what resolutions we might have made for the new year. So maybe it's time for a fresh start. Again!

Our time of rest, fellowship and spiritual growth and formation at a January missionary retreat in Jardin, Colombia was such a blessing to us. Once again, the Lord cemented in us what He is asking us to be a part of for the Kingdom and renewed our sense of urgency to get busy in our new ministry in Concepcion, Chile. As we gathered with the rest of the FMWM Latin America Area team, we learned that in the past two years over 400 new churches were planted, and more than 1200 individuals have entered into the church leadership training process in Latin America! And these numbers are already outdated! This was truly a fresh start to our year!

The year 2020 will be one of many fresh starts for us. We hope to be traveling extensively to continue the partnership building we need to assemble a dedicated, earnest and powerful team of prayer and financial supporters. This means many freshly started relationships. In order to do this, we will be leaving our careers this Spring and setting out on that fresh (and scary) start. We plan to be able to write more frequent updates and keep you informed of our ministry details. Another fresh start. We hope to be able to visit Chile this March and check on the progress of the fresh start of the church in Concepcion. And, most of all, we hope to make a blessed and fruitful fresh start to our lives in service to God as we move to Chile full time, just as soon as possible.

Please continue to pray for us to find favor with churches, organizations and individuals who will come along-side us like Aaron and Hur came along-side Moses in the battle with the Amalekites, as recorded in Exodus chapter 17. In order to do our part in the Latin America Area focus to develop healthy leaders who multiply committed disciples and plant transformational churches, we need many partners who can lift our arms into the many fresh starts before us in 2020.



This is Clemente, a friend in Chile. In February 2018, we worked together and he prophesied that I would not be working a career and pastoring for much longer. He said God was telling Laurie and I we had already jumped in the river and couldn't fight the current. It gave me goosebumps then, and still does now. He knows the plans He has for each of us!