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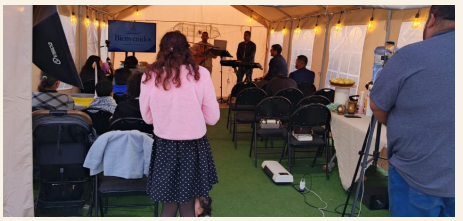


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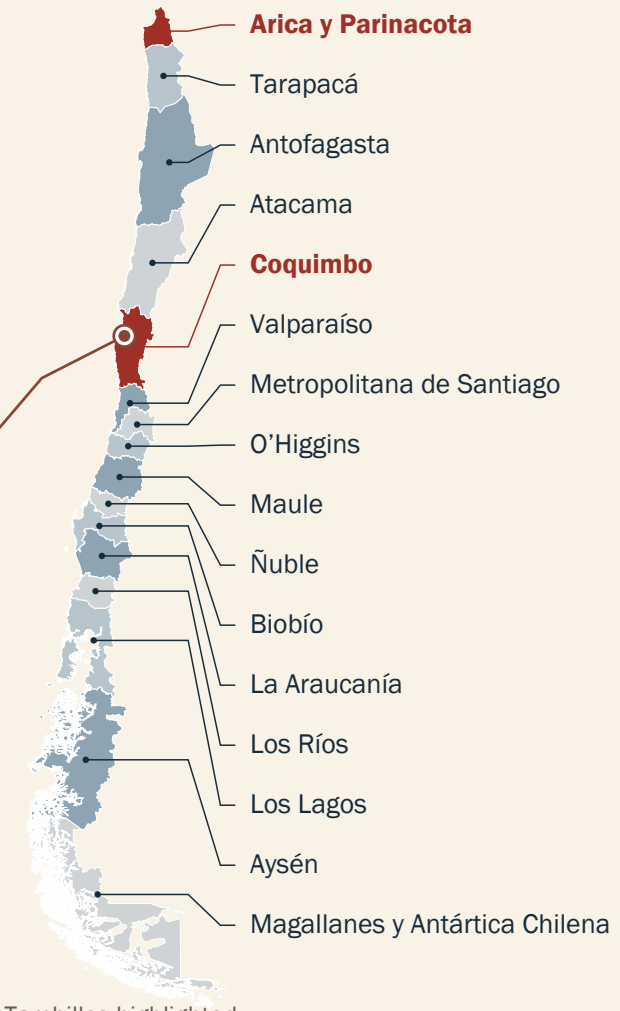
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FROM OUR FAMILY

A letter of introduction

Dear brothers and sisters, churches and mission partners,

We are deeply grateful for the opportunity to share what God has placed on our hearts through this mission in Chile.

Project Chile grew from a missionary vision shaped by faith, perseverance and purpose. We came to the mission field with a desire to share the Gospel, make disciples and help prepare a new generation committed to mission.

Today we are establishing a mission base in Coquimbo and Tambillos, with the aim of developing a training center inspired by the apostle Paul's biblical example in Acts 28:30-31.

Our aim is to reach people through evangelism, discipleship, mission communication, leadership training and social action that reflects Christ's love in practical ways.



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As a family, we understand that serving God is more than a ministry role: it is a lifelong calling.

Ages as of November 2026.

Before leaving: our preparation

Escola de Missões Heróis da Fé / around 2014



Graduation at the Escola de Missões Heróis da Fé.

Before leaving, there was a time of dreaming and preparation. Graduation at the Escola de Missões Heróis da Fé marked this stage of our journey, around 2014. Larissa was already part of our family's journey then. Our desire to serve took shape through study and preparation for mission.

The call would take us to a new country, another language and a culture we would learn to understand. Preparation came before departure; then came the experience of being welcomed, traveling, preaching and evangelizing in Chile. Each step connected preparation with life in the field.

We arrived in Chile

A home, a base and a country to travel.



Coquimbo / contextual photograph by Rjcastillo, 2022. Editorial crop / CC BY-SA 4.0.

We arrived in Chile and settled in Coquimbo. A friend welcomed us into his home, where we found hospitality and established our first mission base. From there, we began learning the language, getting to know the culture and understanding people's lives. Our calling was becoming a journey lived in another country.

From that base we traveled to many parts of Chile, preaching, evangelizing and supporting churches. First we traveled south, then north. These were five years of learning and evangelistic work across the country. On one trip, we came to Arica to preach in several ministries. That visit opened a new challenge: we stayed and established the work there.

From welcome to a new challenge

Coquimbo
Our first base

Southern Chile
Preaching and evangelism

Northern Chile
Preaching and evangelism

Arica
Staying and serving

A new city. A new beginning.

After five years traveling through Chile, we came to Arica to preach and evangelize in several ministries. What began as a visit became a new chapter: we stayed and established the work there. Our travels supporting churches opened the way to the challenge of developing a local ministry.

Beginning meant paying attention to the place and its people. The city, the Morro de Arica and the space to be restored form the setting for this stage. The photographs trace the journey from arrival and preparing the premises to the gatherings that followed.

Arica's story brings together stages of the same service: preparing a place, proclaiming the Gospel and walking alongside those who come. The premises supported the gatherings; teaching and discipleship sustained the work.



An urban view of Arica.



Morro de Arica.

Preparing a place to welcome people.

The work in Arica began with restoring premises where a church had already met. Before worship services and teaching gatherings came restoration and reorganization. These records show the space being transformed and help convey the effort of preparing a place to welcome people.

Restoring the space was part of the practical groundwork for ministry. An organized hall, an area for gatherings and supporting facilities helped make the premises usable. These photographs preserve the stage before meetings became part of its regular life.

After this preparation, the space began supporting worship, prayer and discipleship. Mission is also expressed in caring for the place where people will be welcomed.



Restoring the interior space.



Restoration work on the premises.

The space comes to life.

The premises were gradually prepared for worship and teaching. Available resources included chairs, instruments, a pulpit, an office and sound equipment on loan, along with accommodation and kitchen facilities. Each area had a role in the ministry being developed.

The photographs show the hall and the resources that supported the gatherings. Alongside the meeting area, supporting spaces helped organize the work. They record a stage of establishing the ministry with the resources available at that time.

The facilities found their purpose in use: gathering, teaching, praying and welcoming. Practical preparation does not complete the work; it makes room for the community to meet and continue its journey.



Office and reception area.



The hall prepared to welcome people.

The Gospel outdoors.

After restoring the space, we held evangelistic services outdoors. The account of this stage records about three months of activities, with support from churches, musicians and ministry workers. The message was also proclaimed beyond the hall prepared for gatherings.

These records show preaching and participation outdoors. The outside area extended the setting of the ministry and brought evangelistic activity closer to life around the premises. The images belong to this stage of the journey in Arica.

Proclaiming the Gospel was connected to the care that would follow. Getting to know people, welcoming them and continuing the teaching were part of the same mission, inside and outside the meeting space.



Preaching outdoors.



Prayer and personal support.

People at the heart of care.

In Arica's services, preaching and prayer were part of meeting people. The photographs record ministry and closeness to participants, preserving the memory of a stage of evangelism and ongoing care.

Missionary care involves more than organizing an activity. It calls for a willingness to listen and to walk alongside those who come. This perspective connects the records of prayer with continued gatherings and discipleship.

Each photograph shows a moment, without summarizing a person's whole story. This record aims to show how proclaiming the Word, prayer and personal care were connected as the ministry developed.



Ministry during an evangelistic service.



Personal care and prayer during the activity.

Serving alongside others.

Believers, churches, musicians and ministry workers helped prepare the gatherings. Organizing the outdoor area and taking part in services were aspects of shared service. The photographs record the setting and those who accompanied this stage.

Cooperation includes both the visible moments of an event and the preparation that makes it possible. The space, resources and people's participation came together around evangelistic work. This contribution forms part of Arica's story.

Continuing the mission invites us to nurture this same spirit of participation. Each person's service can support the community and strengthen the care of the ministry that remains there.



Preparing the outdoor gathering.



An evening evangelistic service.

A community taking shape.

Gatherings and shared life created opportunities to get to know people in Arica. Indoor and outdoor records show different settings within the same journey. Gathering the community, proclaiming the Word and staying close to participants were connected aspects of the work.

A sequence of photographs reveals what a single image cannot: the ministry developed over time and in different spaces. The hall, outdoor area and gatherings make up this record of presence and service.

Ongoing care follows the first contact. These gatherings belong to a story of evangelism and discipleship in which presence and teaching go together. Getting to know the community is also part of this record.



A gathering for teaching and fellowship.



An outdoor evangelistic gathering.

After proclaiming, walking alongside.

Inside the premises, we held gatherings for prayer, teaching and discipleship. The work in Arica went beyond outdoor evangelistic services. The restored space also welcomed the community to learn and share life together.

Discipleship continues the proclamation of the Gospel. Explaining the Word and gathering for teaching provide opportunities to revisit questions and accompany the community's journey. These photographs preserve records of that care indoors.

Today, the church in Arica is in the care of brother Andrés's family. This continuity is part of the story: a ministry brings together what was prepared, what was taught and the care of those who remain to serve.



A time of group prayer.



Participants gathered at the congregation.

The work continues

Today, the church is in the care of brother Andrés's family.



The hall prepared to welcome people.

A shared story

Moving to another field does not erase the journey already traveled. Restoring the premises, evangelistic services and discipleship gatherings are part of Arica's story. Continuity is linked to the care of those who remain there.

From Arica to Coquimbo

After Arica came the challenge of developing the ministry in Coquimbo. Earlier experience became part of this new stage of evangelism, teaching and supporting families. The journey brings together different fields and one missionary purpose.

Today, brother Andrés's family cares for the church in Arica. From its beginnings to its present care, the story is connected by the purpose of proclaiming the Gospel and continuing discipleship. The move to Coquimbo opens a new chapter.

A field in which to stay

The cross and mosque in Coquimbo's landscape.



Coquimbo: the mosque in front and the Third Millennium Cross behind.

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263,719

residents in the municipality · 2024 Census

832,864 people in the Coquimbo region.

After Arica came the challenge of developing the work in Coquimbo. Our experience in the country accompanies this stage of evangelism, discipleship and care for families. The teaching space and connection with the community are part of this local presence.

The municipal and regional figures describe the area; they are not counts of people served by the project.

Teaching and staying close.

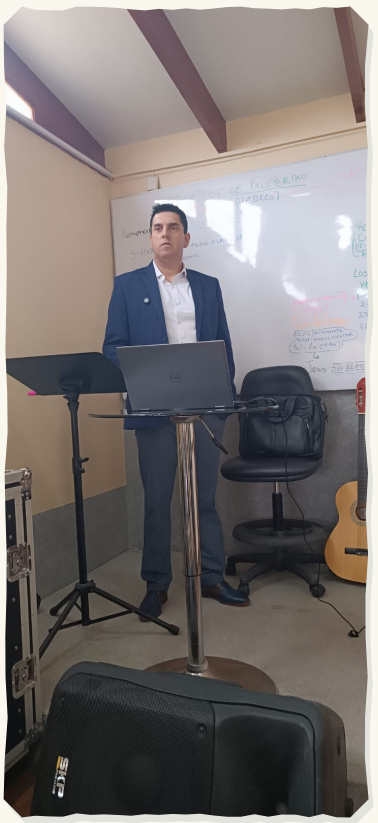
In Coquimbo, biblical teaching takes place as people gather. The board supports explanation and community participation. Learning and asking questions are part of a journey that needs continuity.

After years of traveling through Chile and the experience in Arica, developing the work in Coquimbo became a new challenge. Our local presence brings together proclaiming the Gospel, discipleship and caring for families. These records show this setting for teaching.

Teaching also calls for closeness: understanding questions and supporting learning. The space supports this service, while relationships with people give the gatherings their meaning.



Study using the board in Coquimbo.



Teaching at the Coquimbo premises.

Mission also means meeting people.

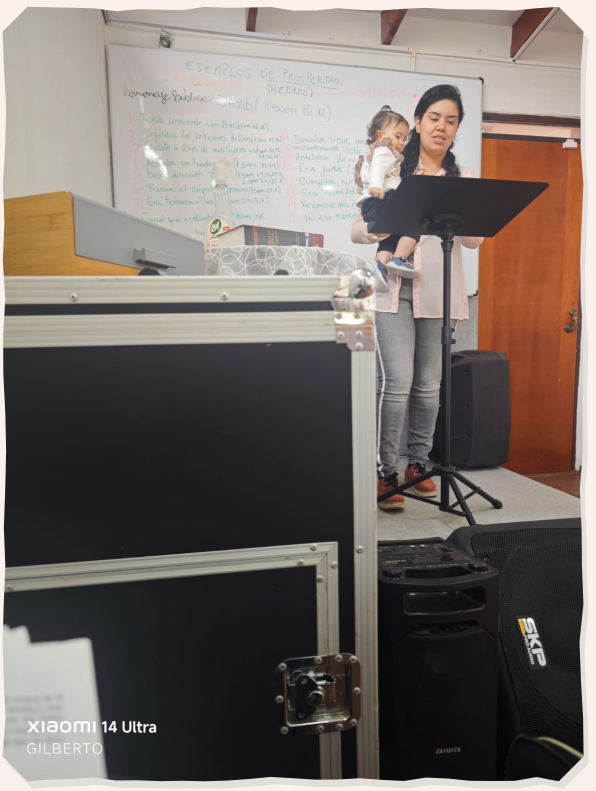
The missionary family's participation accompanies life in the field. Sheila appears speaking and sharing time with the Coquimbo community. The photographs with the baby and the gatherings at the premises record our field in Coquimbo.

The missionary journey unfolds between family life and serving people. These records show different moments: speaking, being present at gatherings and connecting with the community. This everyday dimension is also part of the ministry's story.

Being close makes listening and support possible. These images preserve the memory of family participation, shared life and community gatherings. Everyday life is also part of missionary presence.



Sheila Rotili with the baby in Coquimbo.



Sheila Rotili participating with the baby in Coquimbo.

A new stage in the tent

Six months of ministry and three families journeying with us.

Over the past six months, we moved to Tambillos, where we are developing the ministry in the tent. Three families already gather with us. Being there opens a new stage of gatherings, biblical teaching and shared life.

Tambillos is part of the municipality of Coquimbo and its rural surroundings. An estimate between general points in the two places is about 35 km and 30 minutes; the journey varies with the start, destination and road conditions.



Entrance to the mission tent in Tambillos.

Small gatherings, a journey to develop

6 MONTHS / 3 FAMILIES

The tent brings the community together in these first months. We want to strengthen relationships, support families and continue teaching as we organize our dream of a mission base.

Inside the tent

The tent hosts community gatherings in Tambillos. Interior records show the meeting space and people's participation. This setting accompanies the ministry's first six months.

Beyond showing the structure, the photographs place us within the life unfolding there: participation, proclaiming the Word and shared life. Continuity calls for presence and a willingness to walk with the families who are coming.

The next step is to strengthen this journey. Our dream of a mission base grows from this setting, with the desire to bring together training, hospitality and support for service in the field.



A gathering in the Tambillos tent.



Worship and participation at a gathering in Tambillos.

A journey with families

The missionary family, participants and believers who help are part of this story. Fellowship in the tent is recorded in gatherings and moments of participation. The group helps show the ministry's present stage in Tambillos.

Three families are already journeying with us. The community is in its first months of ministry. Listening, supporting and teaching are part of the care we want to continue developing there.

The poster preserved in the photo section is a historical publicity record. It does not confirm the current schedule. The other images show moments of participation in the tent.



A group gathered inside the tent.



Gathering and prayer inside the tent.

The challenges of staying

Understanding the context helps organize missionary service.

Presence and continuity

Listening, visiting, teaching and supporting families require a steady presence. The challenge is to continue discipleship beyond the first gatherings. Coquimbo has the teaching space with a board; Tambillos has the tent. Serving in both places involves travel, planning and care.

Education and development

The rural school received improvements and spaces to support students. In 2026, it hosted the regional start of the school year. Local agricultural initiatives include solar energy for irrigation. These are examples of specific actions, not a complete picture of local conditions.

Water and everyday life

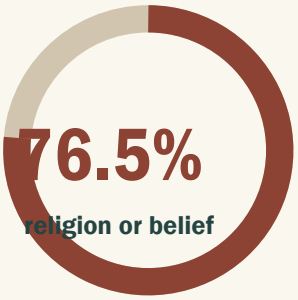
Water scarcity is a regional challenge. In March 2026, an official publication recorded supply difficulties reported by Tambillos's rural water service and improvement initiatives. This context is part of local life and needs to be understood when organizing the work.

Implications for mission

Knowing the families helps turn intentions into priorities. For the next steps, we propose listening to needs, assessing the available space and presenting practical ways to help. The mission base remains a developing vision connected to teaching, evangelism and hospitality.

Proclaiming Christ

Understanding the context, sharing the Gospel and walking alongside.



In the Coquimbo region, 76.5% of people aged 15 or older reported a religion or belief in the 2024 Census. This measures religious identification; it is not the percentage of evangelicals.

In the Norte Chico, popular religious practices include vows, devotion to images and festive traditions. These elements help explain the cultural setting. They do not, by themselves, describe each resident's faith or practices.

The missionary challenge

From this project's evangelical perspective, proclaiming Christ includes presenting faith centered on him and teaching about worship and discipleship. When addressing idolatry, teaching must distinguish biblical guidance from generalizations about the region's people.

UNDERSTAND

Listen to people and understand the context.

PROCLAIM

Present Christ and the message of the Gospel.

MAKE DISCIPLES

Walk alongside people and teach the Word.

The project's biblical reflection: Acts 17:16-34 and 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10. References without quotations.

A place to prepare

Half a hectare. A dream of training, hospitality and service.

We are on a half-hectare site in Tambillos. Here we want to develop a mission base: a place for preparation, hospitality and support for work in the field. The area is 5,000 m².

We want to bring together a missionary training school, a place to receive missionaries and support for evangelism. Training and hospitality are next steps to develop alongside the work in the field.



Entrance to the mission tent in Tambillos.

From vision to next steps

Developing a base takes organization. As a proposal for moving forward, we want to assess the space, identify needs and explain how each form of support can help. Working with families gives this planning its context.

Our radio studio is already part of this journey. Training, hospitality and communication meet in one vision: supporting people who want to serve and strengthening missionary presence in the field.

PREPARE / WELCOME / SERVE

A base for service

A developing vision rooted in life in the field.

TRAIN

Our dream is to train missionaries through study, preparation and understanding life in the field.

WELCOME

Receive missionaries to learn and help, while organizing the space and service in the field.

COMMUNICATE

Our radio studio is part of this journey, alongside teaching and in-person gatherings.

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Training: memories of preparation

Records of the missionary journey.



Missionary training graduation ceremony.



The class gathered at graduation.

Arica: memories of a ministry

Records of the missionary journey.



The city of Arica and its waterfront.



Facade of the premises restored for ministry.

Arica: memories of a ministry

Records of the missionary journey.



Preparing the meeting space.



Reorganizing the available facilities.

Arica: memories of a ministry

Records of the missionary journey.



Restoring the meeting area.



The pulpit prepared for services.

Arica: memories of a ministry

Records of the missionary journey.



Inside the congregation's premises.



Space prepared for gatherings.

Arica: memories of a ministry

Records of the missionary journey.



Chairs and the meeting area.



Proclaiming the Gospel outdoors.

Arica: memories of a ministry

Records of the missionary journey.



Prayer with participants.



Helping at an evangelistic service.

Arica: memories of a ministry

Records of the missionary journey.



An outside view of the meeting premises.



A gathering with the community.

Arica: memories of a ministry

Records of the missionary journey.



Sharing life with the community.



Study and discipleship indoors.

Coquimbo: gatherings and teaching

Records of the missionary journey.



A record of a gathering in Coquimbo.



Teaching at the Coquimbo premises.

Coquimbo: gatherings and teaching

Records of the missionary journey.



Biblical teaching with the Coquimbo community.



Participants at a study gathering in Coquimbo.

Coquimbo: gatherings and teaching

Records of the missionary journey.



Sheila Rotili speaking in Coquimbo.



Conversation and connection with people in Coquimbo.

Tambillos: life in the tent

Records of the missionary journey.



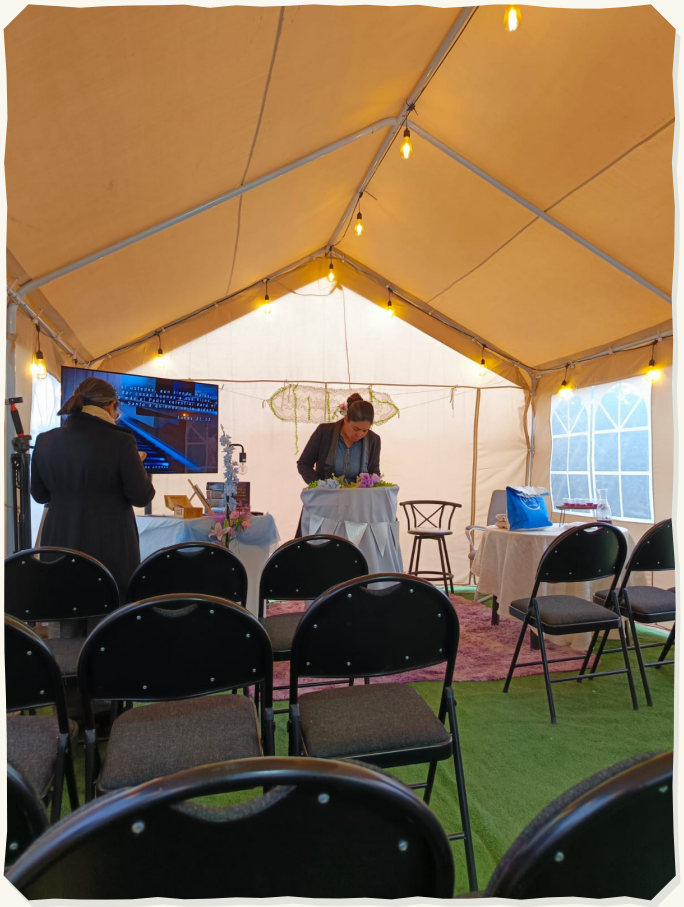
The community gathered in the Tambillos tent.



Participation at a gathering in Tambillos.

Tambillos: life in the tent

Records of the missionary journey.



Preparation and gathering inside the tent.



Community gathering and participation in the tent.

Tambillos: life in the tent

Records of the missionary journey.



A record of the gathering in Tambillos.



Participants in the Tambillos tent.

Tambillos: life in the tent

Records of the missionary journey.



Worship and fellowship in the Tambillos tent.



Publicity material for the tent gathering.

Your participation matters

Become a partner. Support the mission.

PRAY

Pray for the families, workers and continuation of the mission. Follow the story presented in this magazine and pray about the challenges in the field and the dream of missionary training.

SEND

Your church can talk with us about sending helpers and ways to serve in the field. Shared service needs to consider preparation, availability and the ministry's needs.

HELP

Share the project and learn about its work: teaching, gatherings with families, hospitality and communication. Cooperation can begin with a conversation about serving with each person's resources and availability.

GIVE

Give voluntarily, choosing an amount within your means. All giving options appear on the next page, with the details supplied by the missionary and the PayPal option.

Contributions are voluntary and support Gilberto Franca Rotilli's personal missionary work.

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From preparation to the mission field.

We continue with a desire to proclaim Christ, train and welcome. Our story in Arica, Coquimbo and Tambillos leads us to the dream of a mission base. Your participation can be part of this journey.



PRAY. HELP. BECOME A PARTNER.

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