

THE BOLICK REPORT



News from the Bolick Family International Ministries, ABC-USA Missionaries in Chile

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Going North for the Winter

Does anybody dream of going to Texas in July? If they lived deep in the southern hemisphere, in Chile, they probably would.

At mid-winter in Chile, at church and in homes, a favorite place to be is huddled around the wood-stove on cold, rainy days. Down here, we think how nice it would be to go north for the winter.

We yearn not only for warmer weather, but for the faces of family and friends. Even though we feel rooted and grounded here, and this is home for our sons, we also know that we have deeper roots in our native land.

The cycle of returning to the U.S. every four years is good for us. It helps our sons build and feel an identity with family, country and culture. It is an immensely renewing time for us.

There is wisdom in the requirement that missionaries come home for an extended stay every four years. It is good for our spiritual, emotional, and physical well-being.

We trust that the times we have to share our experiences with your churches will also be occasions of mutual edification for the mission we are all invited to be part of.

Our return to the U.S. is called re-entry, for good reasons. Our re-entry to U.S. culture is going to be a shock to our system, and maybe to yours also!

For this reason, one way you can help us is to pray for our sons as they adjust to and get acquainted with the U.S. part of their identity.

Jack is ten years old, but has only spent perhaps a year and a half in the U. S. that he can remember. He will be leaving his school at their winter break. He will continue the second semester of fourth grade through the internet with his teacher, supplemented by home-schooling.

Please pray for Jack's and Will's adjustment as they:

- Make new friends
- Catch up with American slang and popular culture
- Deal with frequent travels
- Go deeper into the experience of being "third-culture kids"
- Have rich times with grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins



Barbara is looking forward to visits with churches in Indiana in October. She has some great stories and experiences to share about the ministries and the spiritual growth of people we love.

You make it possible because you are stakeholders in the good things the Gospel of Jesus Christ brings in Chile!

Our new address from August 2009 through January 2010 is:

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God bless you and give you every good thing for doing His will.

Dwight & Barb Bolick