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Dear fellow helpers in Christ

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. We all need it, don't we?

Despite days of uncertainty we have seen the Lord's hand in the salvation, and marriage of two couples with children. We have rejoiced in their marriages, their baptisms and addition to two of the local assemblies. By law only the Civil Registrar is authorized to marry. It is customary in these cases to use this opportunity and have a meeting, where their commitment is underlined and prayer is made to commend them and their children to the Lord.

I was asked to speak on both occasions with the largest number of unsaved friends and relatives present in a very long time. First; It is a celebration of Sovereign grace o'er sin abounding: Ransomed souls the tidings swell; Also a celebration of their obedience which in today's world is totally against the current moral trends. (Really immoral trends) Both were highlighted. Please pray for these powerful living testimonies to their children, friends and family members and for the gospel preached.

Throughout the country most local church activities have been resumed with the necessary precautions in place. What joy to meet again. There is concern throughout the country that during these two years some have grown cold in heart; also, some who have returned to the meetings are less consistent than before. In the Paraná assembly it was decided to suspend Zoom transmission of meetings as this tended to promote absence. We have been stressing in ministry, the difference between belonging to, and meeting in, the local church.

Nevertheless, in some situations Zoom has proved to be a real blessing and kept me very busy. For example, I was speaking in Santiago, Chile, on Saturday 19th February. This was an anniversary conference of the first assembly and pioneer work of Mr Andrew Stenhouse of Loanhead, Midlothian.

Together with his wife they saw a very big and strong work begun in Santiago, Chile's Capital, now extended throughout Chile.

I saw our local surgeon brother two weeks ago regarding a growth on my right ear, diagnosed as skin cancer and got priority treatment. He referred me to a colleague who is a plastic surgeon. My health scheme authorized its removal and will cover perhaps 60% of the cost. The operation with local anaesthetic took place this morning Friday 25th at 7am. The nasty part was removed by a wedge-shaped incision and then closed. So, my right ear will be a bit smaller!!

I had an appointment this Wednesday 23rd which Anne's husband Marcelo, had arranged with a colleague of his in Rosario in order to have a second opinion on cataract removal if necessary or not. The Eye Institute here recommended an immediate operation with an eye lens change to be paid privately. The specialist in Rosario suggested that perhaps next year it may be necessary and no intra ocular lens needed as present ones are healthy. Sometimes, we have to be reminded that with no NHS you are not just a patient you are a paying customer!!

I am glad these issues have been attended to soon, as I have reserved the Edinburgh Missionary Flat for April and May and hope to rest if possible. Fluctuating restrictions may change that. Like David we can say "Our times are in thy hands" They could not be in any better.

With warmest greetings in Christ

Jim Burnett