*Details from 01/17/2007 (PROJECTS Folder) =🡺 Integrate them*

*Dear Friends, Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Prayer Partners, Faithful Support,*

*As I promised, I put together a "Missions Recap" letter, so that you can see some of the many ways that God blessed our time in Chile, working with the Chile Mission there. You should know a little about of our experiences and the "fruits" of what was accomplished there, especially those that were Prayer Partners, Financial Supporters and Encouragers.*

*GENERAL MISSIONS ACCOMPLISHMENTS*

*•A new church was started in early 2005, which saw attendance as high as the 50s. During 2005-2006, we had at least 12 baptisms, most of whom were members of the church.*

*•Substantial progress was made on the construction of the children's home during my time at the mission. By the time I left Chile in August 2006, the rear 2 units were completed and they were starting the second floor of the front 2 units.*

*JAMES' GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS*

*•Although I had many goals and reasons for going to Chile in the first place, the primary goal was the implementation of the website for the Chile Mission. I finished it, which accomplished many of the goals of the Swanson's ministry there, including publishing their monthly newsletter. Although I thought I would be in Chile for 3 months to accomplish this, God had other plans. This was extended to 9 months, then to one year and finally to a year and 8 months.*

*•I had a weekly time with a Chilean to help him improve his English. He is not a Christian and part of our time together was to read and translate parts of the Bible.*

*•I attended a Men's Bible Study for 1 1/2 years, which included a study of the book of Hebrews and "How To Be a Man of God".*

*•I attended a Chilean Drug Rehab Center, in which I participated and in one instance, served as interpreter for North American visitors.*

*•I coordinated Monday morning devotions for the construction workers and in some cases, presented lessons. In addition, I coordinated the Sunday morning church service several times, with the help of another person.*

*•I coordinated, planned and helped teach English Club, which is a community outreach to the people of the area. Although I was responsible for the overall planning, I had help from Maritza (my wife) and Katie (a missionary). Many people who came to know the mission through English Club later attended the church service, Men's Group or Women's Group.*

*•During my time in Chile, I met a lot of people and made a lot of new friends both within the Mission and outside of it. The Chilean people are so friendly and are easy to talk to. Since I will talk to anyone who is willing to listen, my Spanish improved a lot during my time there. I have also gained a new appreciation for their culture in the process.*

*•Maritza had a chance to coordinate the Women's Group and Vacation Bible School, something which she had never done before. She also helped plan and sometimes teach English Club.*

*•Although I never had the intention of finding a wife while serving in Chile, Maritza and I both know that God was responsible for getting us together, as were many other friends which I can't name here.*

*IN THE STATES*

*•I have been regularly attending services at Nueva Vida, a Hispanic church which is currently part of Southeast Christian Church. They run around 100 in attendance and have members from 18 countries.*

*•With my new Christian brothers from Nueva Vida, I attended a Bible Study, I attended Promise Keepers in Louisville, I worked at Help Build Hope with Nueva Vida members and 3,000+ others from Southeast (we built walls for houses to help Hurricane Katrina victims) and I helped with a Hispanic neighborhood outreach in a park, which included a clothing bazaar, barbecue and children's games. There were also from around 15 Hispanics baptized into Christ since August.*

*IN CHILE*

*•Maritza is currently living with her parents in Santiago. She finished 3 months of Bible courses at a Bible Institute in Santiago. She says that this prepared her for giving lessons if that need should arise in our future ministries. She has been attending the church at the Chile Mission, her previous church and working with the Women's Group.*

*I hope that this letter has updated you. Please contact me at jacoons23@yahoo.com if you have any questions.*