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Dear Friends and Supporters,

We cannot believe it is time to set off for Latin America again, this time for our last trip of this nature, God willing. Pete Sholl will be in charge of that area from the end of the year so this will bring a welcome change for us. However, this current trip still looks like being pretty full as usual, so we'll start off with the itinerary so you all know where we will be and when.

## ***TRIP ITINERARY***

- Depart Sydney: *Wed, 10th March*, arriving in Santiago, Chile on the same day (after 16 hours in the air!) and travel down to Viña del Mar (about 2 hours by bus).
- *Saturdays, 13th & 20th March*: Grahame is doing the *Apologetics* course in intensive fashion in Viña.
- *Monday, 15th to Friday, 19th March*: we will be having meetings in Santiago regarding accreditation of the courses towards a Bachelor's degree, as well as renewing our visas and doing some visiting.
- *Saturday, 20th March*: travel south by bus overnight to Villarrica for a week's holiday beside the lake.
- *Sunday, 28th March*: travel to Temuco (about 1½ hours away) to prepare for a 3-day seminar there on Biblical Theology and the *Christianity Explored* program with pastors and leaders of all different denominations; this is to be held from the 29th to the 31st March.
- *Wednesday, 31st March*: Pete Sholl joins us for a 4-day conference (1-4 April) in Metrenco (near Temuco, the old Wycliffe Bible translators' site) which Grahame will be giving on the course *Creation to New Creation (Introduction to the Bible)* in intensive form to folk from many different places.
- *Sunday, 4th April*: travel further south to Puerto Montt for another 2-day seminar with pastors and leaders of different denominations on Biblical Theology and the *Christianity Explored* program, planned for the 5th & 6th April.
- *Thursday, 8th to Saturday, 10th April*: there are plans afoot to take us to Neuquén in Argentina to repeat the 2-day seminar. This is yet to be confirmed.
- *Saturday, 10th April*: travel by bus overnight back to Viña del Mar.
- *Monday, 12th April*: fly to Mexico City.
- *Tuesday, 13th April*: Patty flies to Monterrey in Mexico to stay with the Sholls while Grahame wanders around elsewhere as follows.
- *Tuesday, 13th April*: Grahame flies to Panama City to do an intensive course on the New Testament 1 course on Wednesday, 14th with the group studying through the online program in fortnightly classes. Hopefully they will finish the course then, and do the exam shortly afterwards.
- *Wednesday, 14th April*: Grahame flies to Cuba till Sunday, 18th, where he will spend time with the main tutors in the *Training the Trainers* Bible teaching program using the courses, and Raymundo, the head of the program, doing some teaching and working on some administrative matters.
- *Sunday, 18th April*: Grahame flies to Monterrey, Mexico via Mexico City to join up with Patty again, where they and the Sholls will spend a fair bit of time talking about MOCLAM handover issues and sharing fellowship.
- *Wednesday, 21st April*: both fly to Gijón & Bilbao in the north of Spain (arriving on the 22nd) to meet with some missionaries working there in different ministries (1 Aussie family & 1 Irish family), but both interested in using the courses, which are already in use in parts of Spain. Pete Sholl will meet up with us again there.
- *Sunday, 25th April*: fly to the UK for meetings with *Cuba for Christ* and a couple of other groups regarding courses, personnel and books.
- *Thursday, 29th April*: fly home, arriving on Friday, 30th, with thankful hearts!

Please do keep us in your prayers during this time, for safe travel and good health, as well as asking that God will challenge many folk through their studies in God's Word; it will be busy as usual, but very encouraging under our God's hand.

## ***COURSES***

Courses continue in different parts of the Spanish-speaking world, both face-to-face and online, and Pete Sholl has commenced his first classes in Spanish in Monterrey, with one online class involving folk from further

afield. The *Training the Trainers* Bible program in Cuba is going well, with Raymundo running the first intensive course in Santa Clara in the middle of the island recently & Pete going to do an intensive this month in Havana.

Several of the courses are awaiting Patty's attention in the formatting area, while Grahame continues to revise them bit by bit where necessary, as Moore College revises them in English. Having some help from folk here is a real plus with the formatting, but it is nevertheless very time-consuming and this and the revisions are always bearing in upon us.

The accreditation of the courses is something we will be talking to several people about whilst we are away and we would ask your prayers for this area, asking that God would open a door that will enable the students to continue studies in Biblical Theology and Bible centred courses for the duration of their degree program. This is an area we need to try and settle sooner rather than later, as many of the students need a degree at the end of their studies for their qualification as pastor or leader. At present, with the nature of the program with the Moore College courses and the scant resources available to the vast majority of the students, they can only attain certificate level. We need to resolve this issue as soon as possible.

### **BOOKS**

The production line continues and has become rather heavy weather of late as folk from Latin America have started pressuring us about a couple of items. We are currently working on Barry Webb's commentary on Isaiah from *The Bible Speaks Today* series, with *The Trellis and the Vine* following hard on its heels! It involves lots of work and many hours! The books continue to sell slowly and we pray that God will move more people to use and promote them as they are encouraged and challenged by them.

### **THANK YOU, CMS & ADRIAN & ANITA**

It has been a GREAT help to us to have Adrian & Anita Lovell working with us in MOCLAM over the past month; so much has been achieved as a result of their assistance and Adrian is continuing to work on the production of the "database in progress" for MOCLAM and its work; this has been in production for several years now, so having Adrian helping with it will certainly speed it up, and for that we are VERY thankful. We also now have a database for the book business and Anita has been (and still is) a great help in moving this forward. We are very grateful to CMS for allowing them to work with us like this while they wait to leave for Bolivia, and to both Adrian & Anita for their willingness to be involved at this stage, before their Spanish learning (& frustration!) has started!

Can we thank you all once again for your continued support of the work of MOCLAM and the book production. We thank the Lord for the great team He has put together and ask that He will bless each one of you as you serve Him where He has placed you at this time.

Much love in Christ,

*Patty & Grahame*



#### **POINTS FOR THANKSGIVING**

1. For the great salvation we have in Jesus and for the great privilege it is to be involved in this ministry of the Word of God.
2. For the interest in the courses and the books in the Spanish-speaking world and for God's grace which motivates folk to study and read them.
3. For Pete & Sarah Sholl & family in Mexico as they have joined the team; for Pete's being able to go with us for parts of the trip this time and for Sarah holding the fort with the children back home.
4. For Adrian & Anita Lovell, leaving for Bolivia in April to learn Spanish and then work with MOCLAM. We give thanks for the great help they have already been in this ministry to date as they have both worked with us here in Kiama since the end of January this year.
5. For the prayers and financial support of the rest of God's people in the MOCLAM team - you, our faithful supporters - for without you all this ministry would not be possible. We do thank God for you all.



#### **PRAYER POINTS**

1. For those studying the courses all over the Spanish-speaking world, and for those reading the books we publish, that God will work in their lives and transform them as they understand his Word better and strive to put it into practice in their daily lives.
2. For our trip: for safe travel, good health, good energy, good rest, and for our dealings with all those we teach and meet, that we will always be good witnesses to our Lord in all that we do and say.
3. For wisdom for Grahame in dealing with the administrative matters relating to the *Training the Trainers* program in Cuba, and for all those involved in the decisions as to the best way forward for this rapidly growing work.
4. For the Sholls and the Lovells as they join the MOCLAM team. Pray especially for ourselves and the Sholls as we work out the best way forward for the handover process which will start later this year and run over a number of years.
5. For obedience to our God in our daily lives for each one of us in the team, including you!