



# — Jamie & Erica — **SMITHEYS**

Morgan, Luke, Meredith

— SANTIAGO, CHILE —

Dear Pastor, Family, and Friends

We want to say thank you for your continued prayers and support. We pray that the Lord will bless you for all that you do for us.

## August/September 2021

We experienced one of the biggest changes that we have had to face in August, our first child is now in college. Morgan is at West Coast Baptist in Lancaster, CA. We were all very nervous about this transition, and how each of us would handle it. I am glad to report the Lord has given us grace. Mom is doing well, Luke and Meredith are doing well, Morgan is excelling and loving all the opportunities that the Lord has given her to serve, and believe it or not I am doing well also.

Chile's borders remained closed during August and September, however at the writing of this update the borders have opened as of October 01, 2021 with fewer restrictions and beginning November, 2021 they will open with even less restrictions. There are some requirements with COVID testing and vaccination status that have to be met, but this is a step in the right direction.

The church is doing well and has went through a very difficult transition. The young man who had been working with us started teaching things contrary to what we had been teaching and some of the members recognized it and contacted us. After reviewing the situation and speaking with this person directly the decision was made to dismiss him from any leadership role in the church. This was one of the most difficult things that I have ever had to deal with. It was heart breaking and gut wrenching. I am thankful for a good friend, Jason Holt,

who stepped in, in our absence and helped us and the church deal with this situation.

We currently have other men who have trained in the training center in Chile who are stepping in and helping conduct our weekly services. The church, in spite of what has happened, is more encouraged than ever, and desiring to continue forward for the Lord.

Again we want to end by saying thank you for your support and prayers. Words can not express how grateful we are!

In Christ,  
Jamie Smithey



Enjoying sushi with Morgan and a few of her friends at WCBC

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