



Curtis & Debra Couch

Missionaries in Chile, South America

August 2022

Dear Pastors & Praying Friends,

We pray that this letter finds you and your ministries well. This prayer letter may be the hardest that we have ever had to send.

But first, let me tell you how our trip to Chile went. My Pastor, Bro. Danny Moore, Bro. Bruce Berry and myself flew down to Chile, South America with the purpose of having an ordination. We left from Greenville, SC to Houston, TX then to Santiago and then up to Iquique, Chile. Our week was full and so were our hearts. God really blessed us. Wednesday night, I preached at the church. Thursday night, Pastor Danny preached. Bro. Bruce preached on Friday night.

Saturday morning all of the pastors met around Bro. Marcelo for the question time. The presbytery all approved him and voted to ordain him as pastor of Open Door Baptist Church. In the evening, we had the Ordination Service with all twelve pastors. Pastor Danny preached the charge to Bro. Marcelo and his wife Carla. Each pastor prayed one by one for Marcelo and signed his ordination. We were blessed to be there. Sunday morning, Bro. Bruce preached about feeding the multitude with a little offering. I preached on Sunday night as a challenge to the church. All was timely and perfect for the church. God blessed our hearts. Please pray for the church because land is so high. I was not able to raise enough money to purchase some land.

A special thanks to our Daughter Tennille Downey for coming here to be with my wife Debra while we were in Iquique, Chile.

Since our last prayer letter, we have finally had some progress in getting some answers concerning my wife's health. Our daughter, Tennille was able to fly in from

Wales in December and was able to attend many of Debra's appointments with her. She was able to raise some questions with the doctors that helped to push some things along. After many tests and appointments, my wife has now officially been diagnosed with Lewy Body Dementia. Its symptoms are cognitive fluctuations, changes in movement, sleep disorders, behavioral changes and hallucinations. It differs from normal dementia, as for the most part, she still has most of her memories. It is a progressive disease; so she will continue to deteriorate. With some changes to medicines that do not conflict with the dementia, she is currently doing much better than she has in many months. She knows that she has dementia, but she is thankful to finally have some answers. With this diagnosis in mind, we have to make the decision to medically retire. Debra can no longer travel; so we feel now is the time to make changes in order to prepare for what lies ahead. We have asked that the renters in our home find a new place; so that when the time comes, Debra will be able to have care in her own home surrounded by things that she remembers from years past. Our house is just down the street from her mother, and we will have other family nearby to help. We also ask that you pray that our renters can find a new home soon, so that we can get settled back into the house before the dementia advances.

Our renters have a home, and we are now in ours.

Once again, we would like to say Thank You so much for your faithful support and prayers over the years. We could not have carried out the work in Chile without your support and prayers.

In Christ's service,
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Goals

- Continue to evangelize the lost.
- Make mature the believers.
- To establish many more churches through nationals by establishing Bible Institutes and Colleges.

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Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.
Phil 1:6





Assisting the local church and the missionary
in reaching the world with the Gospel

August 23, 2022

Re: Curtis and Debra Couch

Dear Pastor and Friends:

I am so very sorry to write to let you know that Brother Curtis and Debra Couch are leaving Macedonia World Baptist Missions. Sadly, this decision has come about because of Mrs. Debra's continued failing health.

Brother Curtis and Mrs. Debra have faithfully served with Macedonia as missionaries to Chile, South America for the past 27 years. The Lord blessed them with a wonderful ministry in the city of Iquique, located in the northern part of Chile on the Pacific Ocean. I have personally been there and preached in their church. They are leaving a solid independent Baptist Church and a group of people who love them dearly.

In order to help the Couches during this difficult time, Macedonia will continue receiving support for them until the end of December 31, 2022. After that time it will be returned to you.

We are thankful that the Lord has allowed us to have part in the Couches' lives and that they have been a part of the Macedonia family these many years.

If you would, please remember Mrs. Debra's health concerns in your prayers and Brother Curtis as he cares for her.

Yours for Souls,

M. Dean Hamby

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