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*Jesus said to them,  
"I am the bread of life"*

*John 6:35*



# Kallestad *update*

**ABOUT OUR FAMILY  
IN CHRIST...**

## Celebrating 25 years

### In Ministry

*Dear Friends and Family,*

*In this letter we would like focus on Oriente's story; to do that we realized that we must tell a bit of ours. I know this letter seems long, but we have worked really hard to make it so short! Although this will be but a brief sketch, we wanted to try and give you at least an idea, as inadequate as it will be... of God's work, of His unfaltering faithfulness through the years.*

*With Doug, we have been trying to figure out how God moved in our lives to capture our hearts and draw us into this blessed craziness of our life in Christ, of our life in ministry. How God drew us to Himself definitely shaped who we are and how we live ministry. We pray what follows will encourage and challenge your hearts.....*

### *...How God drew us to Himself...*

*We were 20 years old when we gave our lives to Christ. Later, we found out that a high school friend had prayed every day for us for five years! **Prayer.** May we pray faithfully and have the courage to believe God is working even when we do not see it.*

*At the UW we met a guy who disciplined us for two years before we accepted Christ. Mitch not only poured his life into ours, he lived with integrity what he taught us from God's Word. **Mentoring.** The power of **God's Word** and the importance of relationships; of intentionally pouring our lives into others.*

**TONO  
AND  
JANET**



*Tono was an electrician in a factory when he began working with us. Oriente was still a Bible study in our home.*

*Doug invited Tono to a Missions conference in Argentina. On that trip, Tono felt God calling him into ministry.*

*Tono and Janet grew with us in ministry and eventually went on to pastor Oriente . After 13 years of pastoring and praying about starting something new in the south of Chile, God changed Janet's heart.*

*Janet was a city girl who God called into the Andes Mountains. And she is loving it!*

*Tono, Janet and their beautiful family are now leading our church planting efforts in Ralco among the indigenous Pewenche people.*

*Tono and Janet have 5 amazing children.*

## ...ABOUT ECUADOR...



In the early 1990s, several Chilean pastors were invited to join a Christ in Youth (CIY) team going to Ecuador. At that point, the Chilean church was used to receiving missionaries. Now God was challenging us to step out by faith and reach the nations!

The Oriente church building had a concrete slab for a floor, a roof and no walls in 1993 when we sent out our first short term missions team. About 30 Chilean youth traveled by land 5 days and nights one way! They changed from bus to bus never stopping... with music equipment and supplies for evangelistic outreaches. In Ecuador, the youth met up with a team of about 30 from CIY. What an adventure!

God has used all of us together, Chileans, North Americans and Ecuadorians, to multiply His work in Ecuador. Today there are 7 churches, a school, a feeding program for children and an Ecuadorian team with a heart and passion to continue reaching out with the love of Christ! After 14 years, our Chilean church planters Marcelo and Sandra Puentes have returned to Chile. In March Oriente is sending an amazing young couple to join the team in Ecuador... **SAMUEL AND PAOLA!**

Oriente short term mission's teams serve in Lautaro, Melipeuco, Los Angeles, Ralco, Ecuador, Peru and Sierra Leon. Our desire is to go wherever God will take us!



## MIGUEL AND MARTA



Miguel gave his life to Christ as a youth at Oriente and there grew in his faith. God worked through Tono in Miguel's life.

Miguel was a sewing machine technician in a factory, Marta an entrepreneur selling clothing out of their home, when Tono talked to Miguel about church planting in the south of Chile.

Miguel's response was basically, "I will help send people but I am not going."

Then Tono invited Miguel to join him on a trip to **Lautaro**. That is when God grabbed ahold of Miguel's heart. It took the Lord another couple of months to draw Marta into His plans.

God has done such an amazing work in and through them, we have a hard time getting them back to Santiago even for a visit!

Miguel and Marta have 3 incredible kids.

## ...His Invitation...



The entire time Mitch mentored us, he was going on short term missions trips. He was taking Bibles into China and Eastern Europe. I thought he was crazy! I was convinced he was going to get thrown in prison. His response,

"If God has someone He wants to give these Bibles to, no one will find them. If I get thrown in prison, it is because there is someone there that needs to hear about Jesus." **Total Dependence on God.**

I struggled a lot with God; with what He was doing in my life and how he was working through Mitch. I finally had a question I thought Mitch could not answer... "So what about all the pygmies in Africa who will never hear about Jesus? And your God is going to send them to hell!"

After an intense pause, Mitch's response was, "Shelly, if there is a pygmy in Africa searching to know God, God will send someone to tell him about Jesus. And as a Christian I need to be willing to go." I had no more arguments. **Missions.** Our response to God's heart for the nations was not an option but a natural part of our lives in Christ.

**The Invitation.** Doug worked with a guy for years who was always inviting him to church. We never went. But when we finally gave our lives to Christ we knew exactly where to go. When we walked into the main sanctuary there was a huge map of the world and the words from Matthew 28:19, "Go ye therefore and make disciples..." OK.

Inviting without being offensive, without pushing is an art. We were invited into a relationship with Christ. We were invited into a community of believers, the church. We were invited to share God's love for the world. The art has to do with making the invitation and then trusting God to work out the rest.

## ...Christ had to become real in us...

We were 21 when we got married and moved in with my parents. Because my father felt our new found faith threatened his Mormon heritage, we were not allowed to show our Bibles or speak of God.

Suddenly, everything we were learning and were so excited about in our walk with **Christ had to become real in us**. Without words, our attitudes and actions had to speak loudly enough for them to hear, for my parents to see God changing us.

What a challenge! What a blessing! Christ had to be real in us. One of my biggest struggles in leaving for Chile was trusting God with my family. One of my greatest joys was watching Him work in their lives in the years to come.

## ...In Chile at last...



When we arrived in Chile years ago, we became part of a team made up of young families with small children and babies. We have been tremendously blessed to grow old together. Now the babies are our grandchildren! What an amazing journey!

**God has multiplied His church in unbelievable ways** over the years. Oriente was the third church planted by leaders, including Doug, sent out from the mother church, Libertad. God, by His grace, has grown Oriente in unexpected and amazing ways!

Oriente began as a Bible study in our home and quickly moved to a rented store front across the street. Within 5 years, God provided a piece of property and construction of the church building began...



## THE ORIENTE SCHOOL

Oriente is one of three schools, including one in Ecuador. Each school is connected to a local church. Another is slated to open in 2016

What an amazing opportunity!

In the schools we are able to teach from God's Word. We all have so much to learn!

## Jesus... the bread of life

"I speak to wise men; you judge what I say.

Is not the cup of blessing which we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ?

Is not the bread which we break a sharing in the body of Christ?

Since there is one bread, we who are many are one body;

For we all partake of the one bread."

Paul in 1 Corinthians 10:15-17

## PEPE, ALEJANDRA AND SCARLET



Pepe, Alejandra and Scarlet truly have an amazing story. Scarlet was a student in the Oriente School. Scarlet and her parents are members of the Oriente Church. Pepe and Alejandra's step of faith was born in the heart of their daughter's desire to share the love of Jesus. It took them to Africa. Digging fresh water wells out in isolated villages of Sierra Leon allowed Pepe and his team to build relationships with the people and bring them the Living water found in Christ.

An unexpected illness brought Pepe and his family back to Chile just before the Ebola crisis hit. Team leader, Chad Courtney and his family were on a scheduled visit in the States. Sierra Leoneans continued the work. Chad will be heading back to Sierra Leon this month. Lord willing, his family will follow next month.

Please keep them in your prayers.

## ...Oriente “Enyugado” Yoked Together...

DOUG  
AND  
SHELLY



We have been privileged to work “**Enyugados**”, yoked together, with many different individuals, churches and organizations to serve, to bless, to somehow be the love of Christ. It has been such an honor and we are so thankful for each one of you! What follows is how God moved in just one of those relationships. There are many more!

Going back to that first trip to Ecuador...After experiencing God’s faithfulness and His love for the nations, came a desire to move south and reach the indigenous people groups of Chile. The work in Lautaro was a joint church planting effort, **Oriente** “Enyugado” with First Christian Church of **Yuma**, AZ (Yuma).

About the same time God took us to **Lautaro**, He also began a school at Oriente. As the church and school worked together to reach our community, we also worked to help the kids grow in God’s love for the world.

Around 2004 God brought a precious family from Yuma to Chile, Chad and Robyn Courtney. They went on to join Miguel and Marta in the work in Lautaro. Several years later, God put it on the Courtney’s heart to lead a Chilean/ North American team to Sierra Leon. I know it is kind of confusing but stay with me!

In the heart of a little girl at the **Oriente School**, there was a growing desire to take God’s love to the nations. She talked to her parents and they all began praying about it. In 2011, Pepe, Alejandra and Scarlet were sent out by the church and the school to join the Courtneys in **Sierra Leone**!

God weaves things together in so many creative and unexpected ways! There is so much more! There are so many stories... We want to thank all of you who have been “Enyugados”, yoked together, with us over the years.

Oriente’s story is made up of God working in and through all of us together... Disciples of Christ making disciples...

Doug and I are in the States right now. We have taken on the role of primary care givers for Doug’s parents this year.

We will be in the States for a few months, travel to Chile for a short time and then back to the States. This could change, but currently that is the plan.

Everything depends on the health of Doug’s parents. We hope to honor them by being here for this season.

Doug continues to be very much involved in the ministry via travelling, skype, email, face time, etc... Technology is amazing!

We do believe that the distance will help Doug “pass the baton” in certain areas of ministry and allow others to grow in those roles.

Your prayers sustain us. Thank you.

### AND THE KIDS

Since our last PNL some exciting new things are going on in the lives of our kids...

Gus and family will be heading south at the end of the year to join the church planting efforts in Lautaro!

Jamie and family made a short trip to the states to visit family and let people know what God is doing in and through the Institute. This vital ministry equips workers sent out as well as many serving in the local churches.

Kyle is now in Chile as part of IAM working with short term teams!

Lori was just accepted into the Master’s Program in MFT at Whitworth University! Congratulations Lori!

Niki will be in a study abroad program in Europe next fall! Christy continues her PT program. The kids are amazing!

If you are interested in finding out more about what the kids are doing in ministry and how you can be a part of it please check out our website [WWW.IAMWEB.ORG](http://WWW.IAMWEB.ORG) or contact the IAM office!

## ...God's miracle of multiplication...

So how do you explain what God has done? Doug and I have been trying to figure that out for quite a while now!

As I was praying and struggling with how to somehow write this letter, I heard a pastor preach on a familiar story. Jesus feeding the 5,000 in John chapter six. He talked about God's miracle of multiplication happening through us. That it is not about what we have but what we are willing to give up.

Have you ever really thought about that story? Jesus prayed and then broke the bread. Every time the bread passed from one hand to the next it was broken. That is when God's miracle of multiplication happens... in **Brokenness**.

We continue to be part of that story today. Jesus, the bread of life, living in us. Are we willing to be broken? The crazy thing is that somehow in our brokenness Jesus makes us whole.

### OSWALD CHAMBERS

In his devotional *My Utmost for His Highest* writes on May 15,

"We are here to submit to His will so that He (God) may work through us what He wants.

Once we realize this, He will make us broken bread and poured-our wine with which to feed and nourish others."

Amen

**Jesus on the cross, "I am thirsty".**

**Jesus ...I am... completely God.**

**Jesus ...thirsty... completely man.**

**Brokenness.**

**John 19:38. God's miracle of multiplication. How it all began.**

**What will we choose?**

We would love to hear your story, a couple of pictures would be great too! Thank you for being a part of our lives...

In today's language we can truly say #blessedinbrokenness! Doug and Shelly

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