

The Chile Chico

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My favorite camping spot during the Men's Retreat in June – Picture taken by Daniel Ogershok

Our pastor, Nick Protos, has commented several times that I am really blessed because I have been able to pursue my dreams i.e. Tumpline Ministries. He is absolutely right. I am blessed. I pray I am using this time wisely and for His honor and glory!!

2014 was a busy year! We started off with a college-age mission trip to Chile, working at the children's home in Osorno. It was followed by a hiking trip in Torres del Paine National Park.

Once again, we hosted the annual Mission to the World's disaster response training. Our facilities provide the perfect setting to simulate disasters that occur around the world.

Later in May we had a short family canoe trip followed by our annual Men's Fishing trip to western Ontario (exact location is a closely guarded secret)! Can't forget the horseback trip in northern Pennsylvania in June. What a nice adventure!!

Twice this summer, we used our disaster training to good use as we responded to the Great Fire of Valparaiso. Two teams went to the effected areas that devastated roughly 10% of that city in Chile. We built temporary shelters, installed plumbing, and provider other necessary services. We were also able to share the saving love of our Lord in word. In July, we hosted a relaxing family bicycle trip to

Petosky, Michigan. This trip was a real joy! The Lake Michigan coast line is beautiful and ideal for bicycling. We will probably repeat this trip again.

Our final trip of the year was an adults only tour of one my favorite places, Patagonia in South America. Four couples toured and hiked two main areas; Mount Fitz Roy in Argentina and Torres del Paine in Chile. We took advantage of the beautiful sights as well as delightful restaurants.

2015 will prove to be a busy year as well. We are planning two college age mission trips with Reformed University Fellowship as well as our annual winter mission trip with Grove City College. There are three deep wilderness trips planned as well as hosting the disaster training.

I hope you have enjoyed following our adventures via the Chile Chico. I welcome your comments.

Please pray for us in the coming year. I hope to see you sitting beside a campfire with me this year!

In His service,

Dan and Jan

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