

The Chile Chico

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The Frites Family – Simon, Belen, Christian, Pastor Alex, (Shasha in Alex's arms), and Patty

If you have ever been on a Tumpline Ministries trip, particularly an international trip, the day usually ends with devotions and a de-brief. The typical de-briefing question I ask is what was the best thing that happened that day! This time, determining the best or most memorable event during a one month mission trip would be hard to pick. We held a VBS and worked light construction at the Hogar in Osorno. We had a wonderful time with the young girls who live there. Then, there was the great group of college students I got to know and spend time with. To top it off we hiked in Torres del Paine, one of the most beautiful parks in the world! Believe it or not, my most memorable time was eating a meal with the Frites family. Alex Frites is the pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Osorno. Meals at the Frites family are an event - not to be taken lightly. Patty is an excellent cook. Soups, meat dishes, pebre, ensalada Chilena, fresh bread, and coffee. Life is good! But....believe it or not, it was not the food that

made the event, but the fellowship. I haven't laughed so hard in a long time...and I am not fluent in Spanish! To listen to the dialogue between Alex and his three sons, all with a sense of humor like their father's was priceless. Then add Alex's father and you can see where the family gets their sense of humor. It was a rich time of fellowship and I enjoyed every minute of it. I was humbled by their hospitality and the love they showed.

Please pray for the Frites Family. Being an evangelical lighthouse in a predominately Catholic country of Chile is not easy. Life is hard in Osorno yet the joy of the Lord is very real in this family.

In His service,

Dan and Jan

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