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Fun at Frutillar, Chile

It may sound trite, but going back to Osorno is a lot like going home. Anytime we can plan a visit here it is bound to be a most enjoyable and rewarding time. This past January, Jan and I hosted a team of college students to work at Hogar de Niña el Alba in Osorno. The team, mostly from Grove City College, worked at the hogar leading a Vacation Bible School, performing light construction work, and really....just lovin' the girls. The girls at the hogar have been taken out of their family homes by the Chilean courts after determining it is not safe for them to live with their parents. Having a team of young college students is certainly the highlight of the hogar. One of the special events was an outing to the resort town of Frutillar. We even went bowling...it was a little like controlled chaos!! Anyhow, each evening, the devotions with the college students centered on the book, *How to Ruin Your Life by 30*, by Steve Farrar. It was a frank discussion on topics facing our young people from a Biblical perspective. After our time in Osorno, we flew down to Punta Arenas and hiked in the beautiful Torres del Paine National Parque. It added a beautiful finishing touch to a rewarding mission trip!!



Lizzy lovin' the girls



Flyin' high at Torres!



Jessica with two of the older girls in Frutillar

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