

## Red Hot Chile Papers

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The end of my Three year term is here. I will be returning to the States to speak at my Covenant Churches informing them of my ministries. It is impossible to explain in this newsletter the blessings that I, the team members and the church communities have received over the last three years. When the groups come they are such a blessing for the communities and the communities are blessings to them. I get stuck somewhere in between. I keep reminding groups and Chile church members that there is a bigger picture here. Yes it is nice to have a new building to worship in and it is nice to have a new house for a Pastor. But the most important thing is the relationships that we build in Christ. We are not only building buildings but we are building the Kingdom of God.

I believe it starts with that first handshake and smile between two cultures on the first day of work, and continues with each gesture of kindness, each smile of encouragement, each sudden and unexplained burst of laughter, tears of farewell between new friends. This is the heart of Missions. This is where God lives.

I am thankful everyday that when God called me to be his disciple, I was listening and I followed. I believe that God calls each of us .I pray that you are listening. You too will follow and be wonderfully blessed.

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I will be in these areas below. Please contact the person listed to the left of your State to set up a time to visit your Church.

### Itineration Schedule

Feb 1-15th Tuscaloosa Alabama----- Paulette West –  
pwest@northalabamaumc.org

Feb 16-20 Atlanta (medical reasons)

Feb 21-28<sup>th</sup> Virginia--- Dale Childrey      dchildrey@comcast.net

Feb 29- March 1<sup>st</sup> Quakertown Pennsylvania

March 1<sup>st</sup>-march 5<sup>th</sup> Oregon Ill---

March 5<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> Idaho----Pattie Edwards...office @tumcif.org  
March 13<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> California--- Don Howald—dhowald@  
March 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> Arizona--- Ann Goss---azbuckwheat@cox.net  
March 23<sup>rd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> Nebraska---Rev Lyle Schoen schoen@cozadtel.net  
March 26<sup>th</sup> – 29 Arkansas---  
March 29<sup>th</sup> – April 6<sup>th</sup> Alabama  
April 7<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> Virginia

Over the last three years, I have had two major projects. The first was to build a new 2nd Church Iquique. This was accomplished with the help of eight Volunteer mission teams. The foundations (concrete) were donated by the three Methodist Schools in Iquique.

Work started April 2006

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Work Ended November 2007

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Below you will see the before work, during and the end result.

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My wife and I participated in a Christmas Gala in this Church on the third Sunday in Advent. It is a beautiful Church.

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My next project was to build a Parsonage in the town of Arica, four hours to the North of Iquique.

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Once again I will give you pictures, before during and after.

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This Project was started in November 2007,

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I finished the work December 2008.

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2009-2012

The Methodist Church of Chile has invited me back for another three years-. My new area of work is once again the entire Country of Chile. For 2009 I will be working in Angol at a Methodist Agricultural School. Bishop Neftali Arevena Bravo has asked me to build a Multi –Use Center. This is where the Methodist Church of Chile will host all future General Conference. The Advance project # 3020485

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Cristina and I would like to wish everyone a Blessed Christmas, and a  
blessed New Year.