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The fields are ready

"The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one."

Matthew 13:38 ESV

A few weeks ago, I was driving from Uruguay to Chile and was delighted to see large fields with thousands of acres of soybeans, corn, and sunflowers. I was on a road in the south of the Argentine province of Córdoba. In this region, there is a law for planting. Farmers need to stay off the land between the road and the fence of the fertile fields because there are about 60 meters of land that belong to the state. The interesting thing is that many farmers do not respect this boundary and plant their crops up to the edge of the road. Jesus says in the Gospel of Matthew, the harvest field is the world (Mt. 13:38) and that He loves the world (Jn. 3:16), so He sends us to go to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8).

Today, there are numerous areas of the world that are beyond the "fence," places that according to the laws are "forbidden" to share the Gospel. Nevertheless, I believe that now is the time to jump over the fence, just as the farmers in Cordoba do. In these forbidden and unreached lands, there is a ripe harvest to reap for Jesus.

Jesus says the fields are ready for the harvest. The great challenge now is to go to the ends of the earth, personally, in prayer, and with our resources and finances. Will you join us?



Fabian Chinatti
Past Movidia Missionary
Pastor in Talagante, Chile

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REMODEL PROJECT

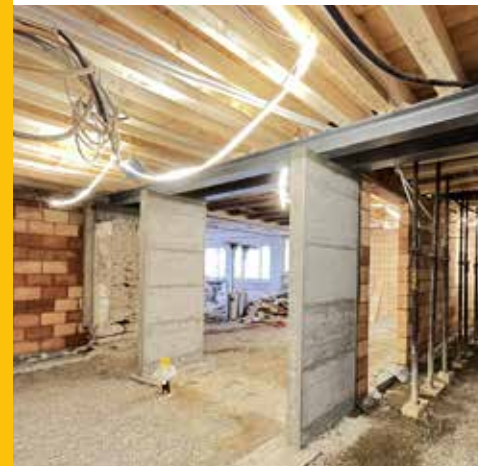
In summer 2021, with the help of volunteers, we began the renovation of the "heart of the house," the kitchen and dining room, at the PRISMA school in Walzenhausen. The project is founded on the firm conviction that a sustainable, functional kitchen and dining room are indispensable for a mission training school because they are a second classroom where life transforming conversations take place and where students learn practical skills they need for their future intercultural service.

Over the past seven months, we have been passionately advancing on the project with the finances and volunteers God has provided. As you can imagine, a renovation project of this size, in a house this old, has resulted in unexpected challenges. Due to essential structural problems and legal regulations, we had to hire an architect, resulting in higher costs. After careful analysis, it became clear that to save future costs we must include the renovation of the adjacent basement in the total project. A renovated basement will provide two needed rooms for guest teachers with a private bathroom and small kitchen.

Dear friends, you may be thinking that is a lot of money for renovation work! You are right, we have said the same thing, but when we see how God uses this campus to transform lives, we are convinced that every dollar given makes a direct impact in the lives of people who need it most. It is more than a renovation project; it is a valuable investment in creating a platform where so many lives will be impacted with the Gospel of Christ. With your help, it is possible! Will you help us reach the goal by Fall 2023?

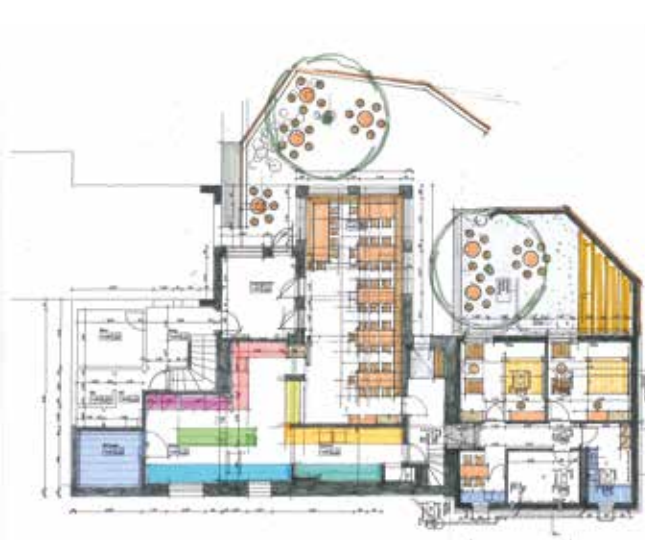


Scott Langemeier
President Movida USA



TOTAL FOR PROJECT: \$600,000

AMOUNT STILL NEEDED: \$350,000



A2 Architekten AG, architectural firm, supports and accompanies Movida Switzerland in the renovation project of the kitchen and dining hall. We make sure all questions concerning building law, fire protection, building insulation and acoustics are in line with building code. For this reason, there are structural measures that have affected the adjacent basement. This renovation project is integrated in Movida's long term vision and optimizes efficiency to be cost efficient and meet ministry goals. Our thanks to Movida for the exciting task and the trust placed in us.



Gerold Schurter
Architect

MOBILIZATION IN HISTORY

PART II (CHILE)

In the 70's, in Latin America, there were many political and social changes, which were accompanied by economic crisis. At the same time, missionaries from Europe and the USA went to Chile, serving mainly with denominations like the Presbyterians, Baptists, Salvation Army, and various non-denominational churches. The European and American missionaries fused with the culture and created new Latino worship services that were quite different from the traditional Catholic mass (the most common form of worship in Latin America at the time).

Up until this point in the Latin American missions movement, the gospel had mainly penetrated the working class and rural areas through Pentecostal churches. However when it came to reaching young people, university students, and professionals little success was experienced.

The Latino services brought a new style of worship, modern music, and innovative evangelistic methods that were positively received by the emerging generation. This gave new momentum to the congregations. In addition, evangelical programs from the USA were broadcasting TV shows, and some of these televangelists were filling entire stadiums. The Chilean believers learned to share their faith naturally.

Church buildings that were not used on the outskirts of the city were sold. Movie theatres that were no longer in use were bought and redesigned as worship buildings. The driving force of this new era in the evangelical community came from young people who were disillusioned with Marxist doctrines and now found true meaning in life when they came to know Jesus Christ personally.

Thus, several missionaries came to Chile to preach the Gospel to young people. Among them were a Swiss-German missionary couple, Thomas and Mechthild Voglein, founders of Movidia International. Together, they settled in the small town of Melipilla, near Santiago (the capital). The young missionary couple organized missionary events. They invited young Chileans from all denominations, who then returned to their own environment with renewed zeal for the Lord. These young people began to share what they learned with their home churches; a new, joyful style of worship developed. Most importantly, they shared with others outside of the church their passion for the Lord.

Of course, other organizations were founded during this time, and they helped show new ways of evangelizing, started university Bible study groups, and provided youth with a clear call to missions. Latino organizations like COMIBAM were born and today it is one of the biggest missionary-sending agencies in Latin America. At the time people did not realize it, but a missions movement was growing!



Ednard Jakob
Retired Chilean Pastor
Founder of the community "Encuentro con Cristo" in Chile

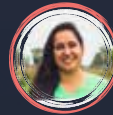


CIMA — DAY — Sunrise, Florida

The Great Commission should not be the passion of a few, but the TASK of all disciples of Jesus Christ. Can you imagine that with me? A church in action! How great it is, to do what God has entrusted to us! The Movida team wants to help mobilize, impact, and be a resource for churches to understand the need for missionaries in the world.

In February, I had the opportunity to travel from Guatemala to Sunrise, Florida to participate in a Cima Day at Vida Broward Church. The purpose of a Cima Day is for churches to utilize Movida's mission training resources to educate their congregation on how to be active in God's mission. I've participated in multiple Cima Days in various churches throughout the years. It was great to be in a church so open and receptive, with a desire to learn more about what their role could be in God's Mission. God is starting a great work in this church!

It was an incredible time with 75 participants and volunteers from countries including the USA, Nicaragua, Mexico, Costa Rica, and Guatemala. The breakout sessions allowed participants to grow in their knowledge of intercultural missions, child evangelism, how to use your profession for God's Mission, and how to organize a mission trip. God moved hearts in such a way that some participants are planning a missionary experience during July 2023. Glory to God for what He is doing!



Sarai Saclite
Director Ministry Manos Unidas

We are part of a bigger story...

Cima Day is a day of mission training for your local church. The Movida team comes to your church and organizes a mission training program in a dynamic way through main sessions, evangelism breakouts, small groups, and an outreach project in the afternoon. There is a place in His mission for every follower of Jesus.

Be part of a Cima Day and find out! Contact us at usa@movida-net.com to organize a Cima Day in your church.



RECAP

Colombia



MISSION ADVENTURE



In March 2023, nine Americans from Nebraska and Montana served with the Movida team in Zipaquirá, Colombia. They supported a local church that focuses on helping children who have suffered abuse and have social problems. The church partners with the government by caring for the children. This can include things like taking them to church, sharing Bible stories in their homes, talking about Jesus, and praying for healing of the children.

The USA team also partnered with PinWin Missions, an organization that was birthed through a Movida CIMA event in 2017. The founder of PinWin Missions was a CIMA participant who was searching for her next step in life, when the idea for PinWin Missions came to her. Currently, PinWin has mission projects in Piapocos, a native reservation community in the eastern plains of Colombia. Most kids in Piapocos spend all day outside and don't receive a planned meal. The men on the Movida team built a roof for the kids' eating area, and the women served food and supported the PinWin team in sharing about Christ. They also helped with English classes that were

being taught in a community nearby. Providing English classes is a valuable ministry tool because it allows students to expand their job opportunities when they become bilingual. The team also experienced a trilingual church service (Piapocos-Spanish-English). Even though the languages and cultures are different, the unity in Christ was evident.

At the end of this intense week, the question arose: How can participants share about what God did during this time? They concluded the best way is for people, just like you, to live the experience to understand what God does through short-term missions.

Be part of the following opportunities to get out of your comfort zone, share the love of God, and grow in your understanding of the purpose of your life in Christ.



Mauro Montero
Director Movida USA

TESTIMONIES

God taught me more about what it means to serve Him in difficult situations. It was very encouraging to see the work He is doing in Colombia and be a part of sharing His love with the Piapocos people. God is on the move, don't pass up on the chance to move with Him!



Jacob Haertel
American
MAC Participant Colombia 2023



God taught me so much during my time in Colombia. I was pushed further and further to love strangers, His people. He called me to be more loving and understanding. I stepped out of my comfort zone and God showed me that it's okay to step outside my comfort zone. I used the phrase "Love God. Love people." to describe this mission trip. The Bible verse I really focused on was 1 John 4:16, where God asks us to love all people. I was able to love people who have little, and they didn't care, they were happy someone was showing them love. That's all that matters. We need love, and we need God.



Kenade Tomjach
American
MAC Participant Colombia 2023

Mission Adventure Colombia-It was so encouraging to see God at work in South America. We had the opportunity to serve, share the gospel, and spend time with the Piapocos. Through this, my eyes were opened to missions and the need that exists for the gospel to be shared. I'm asking myself, "How can I be a part of God's mission?" After this experience, I am excited to share with my church community how God is working, and I'm motivated to care for others just as our group was cared for in Colombia.



Emely Hanson
American
MAC Participant Colombia 2023





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August 1st - 8th**

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**Ecuador
August 5th - 19th**

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