

Dear Friends and Alumni of the Chilean Mission,

You are probably aware that on April 12, 2014 a wildfire started in the hillside of Valparaiso, Chile. By the time it was extinguished over four days later an estimated 2,500 homes were destroyed, 500 people were injured and there were fifteen confirmed fatalities. We refer you to the following news releases from Church's Official Newsroom and the Deseret News:

<http://www.saladeprensamormona.cl/articulo/mormones-ayudan-terremoto-valparaiso-2014>

<http://www.saladeprensamormona.cl/articulo/mormones-en-fotos-manos-mormonas-que-ayudan-en-valparaiso>

<http://www.deseretnews.com/article/765651989/Chile-leader-to-relocate-Valparaiso-fire-victims.html>

One of these links includes a link to a Chilean television report regarding one effort that has been made by the Church to relieve some of the suffering. We invite you to peruse these links for a better understanding of the devastation that took place in the beautiful town of Valparaiso.

Winter is now approaching in Chile and it can be very cold and damp in Valparaiso. To support the relief effort in Valparaiso, a group of Chilean saints and three Chilean – American organizations in Utah are sponsoring a charity event this Saturday, June 21, 2014 in Salt Lake City, UT. The purpose of this event is to gather funds to support those who have been left homeless as a result of the devastating fire. Attached here is a short PowerPoint show regarding the fire and this weekend's event. There is also a flyer attached with the details – time, date, address, etc. of the cultural event.

Please note that while you may not be able to attend the event, you can make a donation in any amount at: <http://www.ayuda-valparaiso.org/>. Here is the public facebook page that has been setup to promote the event: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Chile-Utah-Un-solo-Corazon/224355474441450>.

If you have any questions regarding this event, please write to us at our email address and we will respond as quickly as possible.

The PowerPoint show and flyer will also be posted at the mission website: <http://www.mission.net/chilean/index.php>.

Regards,

Chilean Mission Reunion Committee – 1956 to 1975