

Dear alumni and friends of the Chilean Mission,

We write to you at this time with some important updates. First of all, we are pleased to inform you that an alumnus of the Chile Santiago South Mission has arranged with American Airlines for a 10% discount on all flights to Santiago for the period October 1, 2011 through October 25, 2011. Please visit the dedicated website for information regarding the event: <http://www.sivasparachile2011.com/>. Go to "Airlines Serving Chile," "American Airlines" and read about the agreement and the promotion code.

In addition to the AA promotion package, LAN Chile has announced a similar 10% discount offer. The major difference is that the LAN Chile offer expires on Monday, June 6, 2011. Please remember that most economy airline tickets are non-refundable and most cost over \$100.00 to change. Here is the link to the LAN Chile offer: http://www.lan.com/en_us/sitio_personas/special-offers/10-discount-checkout/chile/index.html.

In addition to these updates, we have added several PDF documents on the website <http://www.sivasparachile2011.com/>. We recommend that you take time to view these documents. At the same time, we have added the link to our site on facebook, listed under "Chilean Mission": <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100002453433790>.

We have been asked by the Chile Area Church Historian, Rodolfo Acevedo, to inform everyone that beginning immediately appointments can be made with the Historian's Office by former missionaries to come to the Chile Area's Historian's Office to provide oral interviews of their activities as missionaries in Chile. We encourage you consider taking the time during a trip that you make to Chile to be interviewed and leave a recorded history and reflection of your mission. The resulting interviews will also be on file at the Church History Office in Salt Lake City. The office is located in the Church Office Building on Pedro de Valdivia, #1423, Providencia, Santiago. The Church Office Building is located adjacent to the Santiago Temple. Brother Acevedo's email address is historianra@gmail.com and the office phone number is (011) (56) (2) 340-5136.

From time to time we receive some heartwarming and uplifting stories from our alumni regarding contacts that they have had with converts. Some of these stories go back 50 years or more. We recently received the following story from Noel Neville-Cardon who served in Chile from 1962 to 1964. She and her husband Grover, who served from 1960 to 1963, are currently serving in the Santiago Temple. This post is from May 22, 2011. Read on:

*"My husband Grover and I are serving an 18 month mission in the Santiago Temple. I had a wonderful experience last Tuesday morning at the temple. Sister Otay, the Temple Matron and wife of President Julio Otay, called me into her office and asked me what my maiden name was. There was a sister with her who looked to be about our daughter Kerolann's age, 36. When I said it was Neville, the sister said "*este es mi nombre también.*" ("That's my name, too.") When I told her I was surprised because I*

hadn't known any Chileans with the last name of Neville, she said no, not her last name, but her first name.

“She went to say that her father had given her the first name of Neville in honor of the Sister Missionary who had taught him the gospel! He was taught the gospel in 1963, when I was serving in Chile. Her father was in the Chilean Air Force Band. My companion Sister Carmen Gallardo and I had the opportunity to teach the discussions to the whole air force band at that time. Only two of the band members carried through with all of the discussions, and only one of them was baptized. It was her father, Luis Flores. We were both crying because it was so special for her to see who her namesake was and for me to know that one person I had helped to teach had been faithful and had children who were faithful in the Church now. I called Brother Flores the next day and we had a nice chat. Neville is going to arrange a time and place for us to get together soon. This story isn't over yet. I hope we get to see Brother Flores soon.”

With Sister Cardon's permission, we pass this story on to you. This is an example of several things. Most important is the idea that many, many members in Chile want to have contact with their missionaries. They have a strong desire to 'return and report.' If you haven't already made plans to visit Chile in October, this may be the most compelling reason to go. Now is the time to make plans. Don't miss this opportunity.

Brother Valentín Nuñez is currently serving as the Public Relations Director for the Chile Area. He was recently called as an Area Seventy, is the former stake president of the San Miguel Stake and a former bishop. He gave an interview to the “Mormon Channel,” the Church's online radio station. The file is too large to attach here, but here is the link to the interview that Elder Nuñez gave to the Mormon Channel. The interview is about 35 minutes long and is in English. The story of his conversion and service in the Church is remarkable but not unusual: <http://radio.lds.org/search?lang=eng&q=chile>. When the “Search Results” appears, click on “Episode 26 – Valentín Nuñez – President of San Miguel Santiago Stake.” The interview can also be downloaded in MP3 format for later playback.

We end with our normal reminders and requests. If you haven't already taken the time to register at our website, <http://www.mission.net/chilean/index.php>, please take a minute to do so. Thanks to several alumni who have helped us locate over 10 'lost' alumni in the past month. The number of our missing alumni is now officially less than 400. 925 of our alumni are on our active list, 413 of you are registered at the website, and 65 of our alumni are deceased. An amazing statistic is that for the first 20 years of the Church in Chile less than 1,500 missionaries served in the country. Today, there are nine missions with over 2,000 missionaries serving, many from foreign countries including countries outside of Latin America.

50th Anniversary Chilean Mission Reunion Committee