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At times we feel like we live on a see-saw. Sometimes up, sometimes down. Some days the work seems to move agonizingly, slowly and on others incredibly fast. Some days we have great conversations and see God moving and are really encouraged, on others it can feel like we're banging our heads against the wall in frustration. As settled and at home as we feel, every now and then something can come up which just makes us feel like a fish out of water and that almost constant reassessing where we are can be draining. We always knew that being able to adapt and start up the work we want to do would be a long process, but at times the reality of that can be difficult to process. Each day feels different and we're just trying to accept that and learn patience rather than fight against it.



Last month we had the joy of having a friend from our time in Chile stay with us. She is exploring a call to missionary service in the Muslim world, please do pray for her. Latin Americans are able to adapt and enter some cultures much better than westerners so the opportunities are there, but finance is more of an issue.

During her time with us we were able to see how much Spanish the kids had picked up. Javiera would speak in Spanish and Grace would continue the conversation in English! So, although not quite there yet with speaking we were really encouraged to see how much she actually understands. Our own language learning trundles on but as with everything else there are good days and bad days. We've both had days when we feel like we can't get any words out, but then again, we've also had conversations where people are confused as to why we are going to language school at all! The see-saw of life continues to be a challenge but we know that so much of this is entirely normal for moving cultures and indeed in ministry. As always, thank you for your prayers.



Prayer Points:

- Language learning
- The last few remaining administrative things we have to do - namely, navigate the tax system and apply for the 'numerous family' status we are entitled to here!
- That the kids would continue to get involved in activities and make more new friends.