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“If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God...” (1 Peter 4:11).

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Preacher Training in Talca, Chile

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At the invitation of the brethren in Talca, Chile (South America), my grandfather (Johnie Edwards), Larry Paden, Juan Canelo and I worked together in a January 6-13 Preacher Training Program.

Carlos Bello, who preaches in Talca, translated our materials into Spanish. Larry Paden (of Shelbyville, Kentucky) and Juan Canelo (of La Sarena, Chile) served as interpreters. We are indebted to these men; without their faithful and able work, this program would not have been possible.

We departed the U.S. Friday, January 4 and ar-

rived in Santiago, Chile Saturday, January 5, where we met brother Canelo, and traveled by car about 158 miles south to Talca (a city of about 300,000), where we met brother Bello and had an excellent meal in his home with his good family.

At the services on Sunday (January 6), my grandfather taught the class on Psalm 119 and I preached at the worship hour about What a Blind Man Saw. A man and his wife (Luis and Ema) made known their desire to be baptized. We went to the Maule River about 30 minutes from the building where they were immersed upon the confession of their faith in Christ.

Daily training classes were conducted Monday - Saturday from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. There were more than 20 present each morning and 30-40 in attendance each evening. In addition to men of the Talca church, men came from Valdivia, Niebla, Santiago, San Fernando, and Limache. The men were housed and fed by the members individually. One couple with three children in a small house kept 9 men. We presented each student materials in Spanish, notebooks and pens for note-taking and a folder in which to keep his materials. Spanish editions of *Strong's Concordance* and *Vine's Dictionary* were given to students who did not have and could not access via the Internet. In the morning sessions, we discussed such things as Learning To Be a Good Listener, Qualities of a Good Preacher, Our Need for Authority, The Type of Preaching We Need Today, How to Establish Bible Authority, General Rules for Good Bible Reading, How to Study the Bible, Two Kinds of Authority, The Silence of the Scriptures, Kinds of Sermons, Overcoming Stage Fright, we did a verse by verse study of 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus (calling attention to the work and qualifications of preachers), Baptisms of the Bible, Outlining, Gesturing, and did an overview of the Bible called, "Keynotes of Scripture", among other things. In the evenings, we discussed the 4-lesson Home Bible Study (Authority in Religion, God's Plan for Saving Man, The Church, and The Worship of the Church) and spent time Answering Religious Error. The men were up on their

feet each day. They spoke Saturday evening on the theme, "By Which Ye Are Saved." One man gave the introduction and first point, another the second point, and so on. It all flowed as if one man did the speaking.

One of the members encouraged two of his friends to sit in on the classes. Carlos invited them to join us for dinner at his home where we further studied. Wednesday we went to the river and they were baptized. One had been a member of the Mormon Church and the other a Seventh-Day Adventist. They both preached Saturday evening.

The brethren requested that Granddad and I speak at their Thursday mid-week study. He spoke on When the Church Grew and I asked the question, "Why Stop the Chariot?" At the Sunday services (January 13), Larry Paden and Juan Canelo taught the Bible class and Granddad and I preached at the worship hour. I preached on Tell Your Children and Granddad preached about Thyself.

We were impressed with their warmth and affection, eagerness to learn, enthusiasm in singing and hospitality, among other things.

We departed Chile on Monday, January 14 and arrived home Tuesday, January 15. We hope our work was of benefit, and are thankful for all who had fellowship with us.

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