

PRAYER PARTNER PROFILE

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Who Are You?

Esteban Álvarez, pastor of 'Church of the Saviour' in Antofagasta, Chile, alongside my wife Constanza and our daughter, Dominga.

Where Do You Serve?

Antofagasta is a mining, port city in the middle of the desert, about 800 miles from Santiago, the capital city. Due to the way the mining shifts work, many people commute to the city for work but don't live in it. Some of the miners can only attend Sunday services twice a month. We are the only Anglican Church in the city and region, with the 2 closest Anglican churches being approximately 500 miles away.

What Do You Do?

I work as a full-time pastor, in a church in the centre of the city. The church is very involved in the local community, with many social and evangelistic activities with the neighbours. I am also one of a team of chaplains doing pastoral work in local hospitals and clinics and national coordinator of the 'Langham Preaching Partnership' in Chile, founded by John Stott.



What Encourages You:

We are encouraged that this year, we are starting to see fruit from our work amongst the neighbours of the church, where bit by bit more people are starting to join our church community. A challenge, is since the pandemic, we haven't been able to have the visit of a bishop to do confirmations. We hope this will happen this year.

Prayer Requests:

- For the people who live in the vicinity of the church, that they will be converted to the Lord Jesus.
- To have economic sustainability again and be able to reduce the economic deficit which has grown over some years.
- For the diocese who will this year begin the process of electing a new bishop to replace Bishop Morrison who retired.