

## Dear Sponsors:

I am very pleased to write you today, thanking you for your sponsorship of Mapuche children in Millalen, Chile. It has been a busy and wonderful year, as I work alongside two volunteers from our Free Methodist Church in Temuco, Chile. We have helped your child's family acquire food, clothing and shoes. We have celebrated birthdays! We have accompanied the kids and their loved ones in discipleship and in strengthening their walk with Jesus. We have enjoyed watching them grow and develop as they attend school in Millalen.

This winter in Millalen (June through August) has been very rainy and cold. Many children must walk several kilometers to reach the school and ICCM. They do so with a passion, knowing they will find love and concern shown through the different activities. Our emphasis and main objective is that they know Jesus as their friend. This has allowed us to enter their homes sharing the Gospel with their families, who are increasingly interested in the Word of God.

Unfortunately, in recent times, the level of alcoholism, drug addiction and abuse has increased in adults and youth. Several children in the program live only with their mother because the father has gone to work in the north or has left the home. This obviously is very difficult, so our job is to provide them with all the necessary support.

We are in full preparation for our annual national celebration, which takes place mid September. The children practice and perform the traditional dances of Chile and the Mapuche culture.

Thank you very much for your support of these beautiful children, who appreciate and count on your loving assistance.

Sincerely,

Pastor Henry Riquelme  
ICCM Chile, Local Project Leader for Millalen

