



February 2, 2019

Hello from the Hoffman Family,

Not really sure where January went, it passed by in a blur. 3 John 4 says, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth." The highlight of our month was definitely January 7th when Vienna (6) got caught sneaking a roll of candies. After Jen asked her what that made her, she started crying and crying and realized that she was a sinner. She was more upset by the thought that she deserved hell than she was by the punishment that was about to come. After a nice long conversation, she knelt by our bed and got saved! As a parent, that is one of the biggest answers to prayer, by having one of your children accept Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour!

God decided that we needed to learn patience this month, as our van broke down near the beginning of the month. Even though I bought a van that is fairly common here, there are no replacement parts in the country. Fortunately some friends are coming down here next week with the parts! A month without a vehicle has really increased our exercise time since we walk to the bus stop a lot. It hasn't been all that bad though, since we get to meet a lot of interesting characters on public transportation. Judah thinks the buses are pretty much the coolest things to ever exist so he has been pretty happy. Joab and Gabby have been going downtown with me on the buses to pass out tracts so they've been getting serious bus time in too.

We had our first baptism in the church in Tirrases! A lady, Gerarda, was saved a few weeks ago and asked us to baptize her. That was a huge blessing. Pablo baptized her in a baptistry that we borrowed. Unfortunately, as he was bringing her back up, she slipped out of his hands and he dropped the poor lady back in the baptistry. I have to admit that I laughed a little bit, ok a lot. The church has its ups and downs with attendance, but there are still people getting saved including two cousins, Alison (12) and Charlotte (14), within the last couple of weeks.

There is a man named Joel that I've been working on for a few weeks now. His wife, Ana, is the most faithful lady in the church but he is not saved. I've been bugging him to go to church and finally Saturday he told me he would go. Well, Sunday comes around and he was not there. I asked Ana where he was and she told me he was busy. Come to find out, he was busy drinking. He came down to the church shortly after this, and told me he was too embarrassed to come into the church because he was drunk. However he would pray (in his drunken state) for the power of God to help me as I preached. I've never really had a drunken person pray for me as I preached before. He told me he would be there this Sunday, so we shall see.

Thank you for all the prayers and support, we're very thankful for all that you do for us. We couldn't be here without you all.

In Christ,
The Hoffmans to Costa Rica
Brent, Jen, Gabby, Joab, Keira, Vienna and Judah

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A DOOR OF UTTERANCE, TO SPEAK THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST - COLOSSIANS.4:3**