



THE HOFFMAN FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO COSTA RICA

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Hello From the Hoffman Family

We are now one year closer to the Lord returning than we were last year. I hope that gets you all excited! As I sit here thinking about last year, about how difficult it was with Jen's health, I also thought about how great the Lord was. The fact that we were able to stay on the field, which for a while we thought wasn't going to happen, is enough to be grateful for, but God also allowed us to be able to jump right into several ministry opportunities almost instantly. We have been highly blessed to have so many wonderful, praying Christians behind us. People who have encouraged us and have been such huge blessings that we will never be able to express what it meant and still means to us.

We had a semi busy December; Costa Rica tends to shut down for a few weeks around Christmas. We had a big Christmas party for the church in Tirrasas, about 80-85 people showed up, but as many as you church leaders know, there tends to be a much larger crowd when free things are involved. There are a good 25-30 faithful people in the church right now. We had three people saved at the Christmas party. A man named Gerald, 31, was one of those saved; he almost died about two years ago due to a massive electrical shock as he was working on a power line. He actually lost part of a leg and the use of his right arm because of it. Gerald told us after he got saved, "I don't know why I didn't die when I got shocked, but now I do, because I had to get saved." Please pray for him to grow in the Lord. In the area where the church is there aren't many men that want to make a public profession of faith, so for him to hobble out the front door with us, where the entire block could see him, to be witnessed to is very bold.

Jen and the kids are all doing well; they have been staying busy with school and various activities. Jen had a Christmas party for the bible study that she teaches weekly for a group of empleadas. The kids are a bit disappointed because we are making them do school through the Christmas break. They missed a lot of school with both sets of grandparents during for the holidays. Poor Judah is getting his languages mixed up. He's convinced that the word for pineapple, piña, is English. When a lady at the park asked him if he wanted to pet the dog, Jen asked him if she spoke in English or Spanish, he answered, "the normal (language)." So he's adapting rather well. All of the kids are taking music lessons and growing up way too fast. Thank you for all the prayers and support; we are blessed to be one of your missionaries. Please continue to pray as we are looking to start up a couple of different Bible studies in January with the aim of building another church out of one of them. Thank you all and we hope that 2019 is the best year that we all have for Christ.

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**