THE HOFFMAN FAMILY
MISSIONARIES TO COSTA RICA

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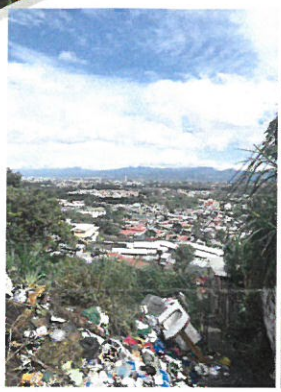
Hello from the Hoffman Family,

I'm going to jump right into this letter as there is a lot to update and I need to leave some room for pictures. As I've mentioned, we go to a Bible club in a very poor area every Saturday. A few weeks ago, one of the kid's moms asked about a church that had been closed a few years ago due to the pastor just quitting one day. God had been dealing with me for several weeks about this barrio. So that piqued my interest. The very next day, I met a man, Pablo Cadera, who was trying to reopen the very same church that I was asked about the previous day. It seemed like God was telling me that Tirrases needed the church to be reopened, as there is no Baptist church there and is in desperate need of being reached. So he and I have teamed up to reopen the church. Several members of different churches joined us on a Saturday to canvas this area of 30,000 people in tracts and invitations to church. Thank the Lord, three people accepted Jesus Christ as their Saviour! Opening Sunday was last week with over 30 people there and another person got saved! We are meeting in a communal salon right now on top of what seems like a small mountain, that once was a garbage dump. It isn't optimal to start out with but it's what we have. There is the old church building at the bottom of the hill, where most of the people live, but the owner is wanting too much for the rent right now. We are going to try to get him to lower the price for us. Time to put my Dutch genes to work!



In the photos from left to right: the area of "Tirrases," the building where the church is meeting, soul winning, looking for a church building, and the Saturday kids' club

We also had a plan in action to start a church in the beginning of next year with some of the people that go to church where we are currently attending. The pastor spoke with me about a group of ten people who travel about 45 minutes across San Jose to go to church. He was in favor of me starting a bible study with those people in the area where they are from with the goal of planting a church in that neighborhood as well. So God has really opened the doors for us here in Costa Rica and we are so thankful to have two different areas in which to open a church so quickly after arriving here.

I have still been having issues with my teeth as I had to get my wisdom teeth taken out. I wasn't even able to go to the opening weeks of our church reopen as I was rather swollen up. I hardly talked for three days, which my wife referred to as the happiest three days of our marriage. So for those counting, I've had two root canals and now my wisdom teeth taken out in 2018. It's been a fun year! The misery only increases as my in-laws are visiting us next week. Thank you so much for all the prayers and support, we are so grateful for what everyone sacrifices for us.

In Christ,
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Brent, Jen, Gabby, Joab, Keira, Vienna and Judah

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WITHAL PRAYING ALSO FOR US ,THAT GOD WOULD OPEN UNTO US A DOOR OF UTTERANCE, TO SPEAK THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST - COLOSSIANS.4:3