



Dear Friends and Family,

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It seems like we just sent our last prayer letter! Last month was a pretty good month. The week preceding Easter is known as Semana Santa (Holy Week). We had a church family movie night and for Easter we had an early sunrise service with a breakfast and fellowship time. In the latter part of the month, we worked hard to get caught up on a lot of things. We are now looking at taking a few more steps forward. We have continued to preach the Gospel from door to door in San Pablo. We have seen some visitors. On Sundays, Jeremy is preaching a sermon series on "Foundations" of the faith and on Tuesday night he is teaching a series on personal evangelism. Last night we had a practice or "role-playing" session. It was good to see many people practice sharing the Gospel with others. We have finally been able to split our children's Sunday school class. Michelle teaches the younger kids and a faithful man named Alberto is teaching the older kids and teens. Generally speaking, we have seen some increase in faithfulness, which is encouraging. One lady has recently expressed her desire to follow the Lord in believer's baptism. Jeremy has also been counseling a couple on family/marriage issues. Most Sundays recently we are nearly full, and we are looking at possibly moving into a larger space in the same building for the same price. Jeremy has also had to do some work to fix the church bathroom sink as well as fix a problem on the church van. There is always so much to do, but it is encouraging to see how we are moving forward!

As for our family, we stay very busy. The kids are doing well in school and are constantly improving their Spanish. They are usually able to "bridge the gap" between the Costa Rican kids and the children of missionary families. Last month, they had Spring Break and we were able to take a day trip together. In the summer, we are planning a short trip to see our families. Unfortunately, there seems to have been a problem with the renewal of the passports because only Elijah's passport has arrived. We are working to figure out what is going on with that. We are also waiting for our renewed residency cards which are already about 2 months beyond when they were supposed to arrive. God is very good at teaching us patience!

Last month, we asked for prayer for a lady at our church named Liliam. Thankfully, she has made some improvement, but still needs a lot of prayer. This month, please pray:

1. For Liliam's health to continue to improve.
2. For God to continue saving souls and add them unto His church.
3. For God to continue to raise up laborers within the church.
4. For God to work out any complications with our passports and residency IDs.

In Christ,

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