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Hello From the Hoffman Family,

The mission field is a life of adaptation. When a missionary thinks that they have it all figured out, something happens that throws a monkey wrench in the most well thought out plans. My parents are down here visiting us and we had a bunch of things planned, from ministry activities to a couple of days away with them. Then the police stepped in. Apparently when I was buying fruits and vegetable at the local market, they decided that all 40 cars that were parked by the feria were illegal, so they stole our license plates. Literally took them right off our cars. Now the car is parked in the garage until I pay the fine, which I have tried to do three times. Unfortunately the crooked cops didn't appreciate that I wasn't overly happy that they stole my plates, and they haven't entered it in the system yet. So we are renting a van for the week because the ministry must go on. Still, we are having a great time with my parents.

Another change in plans happened last month. We had started a kids club and were taking the first steps in a church plant when the man I was helping in Tirrasas decided that he was going to move an hour away, without telling anyone. He had a great plan of going every two weeks, if his schedule permitted, to try to keep the church afloat. I told him if he did that, the church would die. He told me it wasn't a big deal. I told him that we had 15-20 people that still needed a pastor, not someone that occasionally shows up. So after a lot of prayer, we decided to put the church plant on hold and take over full time in Tirrasas. Last week we had 35 in church, praise the Lord, so the church is growing almost immediately! This week we are moving into a new building to fit us all. Sunday August 4th is our first service in the new building so if you could pray, we would appreciate it. We've been visiting all around the new building trying to get more people to come. So far we've heard from several people that they are going to visit, hopefully it's not just talk. We are still doing the kids club in Concepcion because we still hope to do a church plant there down the road and we don't want to lose any momentum that we had there.

Thank you so much for all the prayers and support, every month you all are so faithful in praying and giving. The family is doing well, spiritually, physically and mentally and we know that it's because of all the prayers going up on our behalf. Thank you!

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**