



# COSTA RICA

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Blessings in the name of the Lord, dear Pastors and Faithful Supporters,

After 20 years here, we still find it interesting that in April we begin “winter” season ... meaning the rainy, wet time of the year!!! As for being cold, that time comes in December when “summer” begins!!! We truly are well into the rainy season, though, and are experiencing some severe storms. Recently, our phone lines were hit and burned out and the strong wind with the hard rain filled several rooms at the back of our house. THAT was “fun” to clean up!!! On the other hand, the rain has made everything so green and produced the most beautiful flowers and sweetest, juiciest fruits ever!

Our Bible studies with the Solis family in Las Vueltas are going well. We just finished teaching Basic Bible Truths, a great soul-winning course. As yet, we’ve not had anyone profess Christ as Lord but we continue on patiently and sense the Spirit working in the lives of this family. Mr. Solis, better known as Chilo, visited our services last Sunday. He commented to me after I preached a Father’s Day message that he wished he’d have heard and known those things when he was raising his family. When we first began studies in his home, Chilo would sit in the dark in another room listening, but now he sits with the rest and looks forward to our coming. Please pray for this wonderful family that they will soon understand the concept of salvation by grace and be saved.

We praise the Lord for the four adults and one youth that were recently baptized. The water was cold but they bravely gave their testimonies and then went under!!!

Your continued prayers are still needed for the couples in our church whose marriages are in deep trouble. There are so many that never marry therefore, we are struggling to work with these who ARE married. It’s a weak area amongst the Christian circle that satan has a hayday attacking. Costa Rica is a matriarchal society, therefore, many husbands are not in general allowed to be the head and leader of their homes. Most do not know how to be anyways as far too many have been raised without a father figure. In particular, we ask that you call Fray’s name in prayer to God. His young wife wants to return to him but she is with child by another man. Fray is heartbroken but still he has stayed true to the Lord and continues to faithfully serve Him.

We’re looking forward to a visit from our son and his family in early July for several days. It will be fun to play with our grandkids and to see how much they’ve grown!!

How wonderful you all have been to us. We praise the Lord for each one of you. Thank you for your sweet, faithful love and prayers on our behalf.

Together in Him,

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