



# COSTA RICA

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Greetings Dear Pastors and Faithful Supporters,

**A PRISONER SET FREE!!!** This finds us encouraged in the Lord and we pray the same for each of you. Yesterday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, was my 3<sup>rd</sup> post-op appointment with the orthopedic surgeon and after another x-ray, I was liberated from the three-month bonds of my body brace. With high 90's to low 100 degree heat, I can't begin to tell you how happy I was to be "set free." Even though the lumbar fusion was a success and I am free from the pinched nerves and lower back pain, healing is still in progress and will be for some time to come. Further therapy is advised for more agile walking.

**CLEARANCE TO GO!!!** We have begun our planning and packing to make our return to COSTA RICA. It will be between the end of July and the first week of August. The Lord's timing never ceases to amaze us. We have a house (complete with a cat!) and a car awaiting our return. Our dear friends, Todd and Linda Bauwin, felt that the Lord would have them return to the States for further ministry in Florida with their son, so they contacted us to offer the house and the sale of various household items as well as their car to us. We felt like it was an answer to prayer as we will not have to spend time in search of a house to rent nor a vehicle to buy.

### NEWS FROM COSTA RICA ...

- Thank you for your prayers for Tatiana, the 11-year-old girl hit by a car a few months back. She is making good improvement even though still in a wheelchair. She's faithful to church services, so pray that the Lord will use this youth to draw her family to Himself.
- Church attendance hovers around 50 most Sundays. There have been several professions of faith in the Lord and now there are a number of candidates awaiting baptism. One man in particular is a family member of the young couple that got married last year. Some of you may remember Fray and Stephanie. Stephanie was ostracized from her family when she became a Christian. At their wedding, a large number of very catholic family members came and heard the gospel for the very first time. Thereafter a few from each side of their families began to attend our church. Now one of the young men has been saved.
- Vacation Bible School plans are in the making and will come to pass the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of July. There always seems to be a number of new children that attend services afterward and it is always an excellent way to meet the parents and have the opportunity to give out the gospel through VBS.

What would we do without the privilege of prayer—our direct access to God's throne. We praise Him for answered prayer on behalf of our youngest daughter, Jewel. A cancerous melanoma was found and removed from her arm. I think also of our nation and the disturbing things coming to pass. Still, there's nothing God cannot prevent if He so chooses. **PRAY, brethren, WITHOUT CEASING.**

Together in Him,

*Bro. Jerry and Barbara*



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