

March/April 2026

Dear Pastors, Churches, and Co-laborers,

Happy Birthday to Victory Baptist Church! In March, we had the joy of celebrating 10 years as a church. We remember when the Lord directed us to start the church here in Atenas, Costa Rica. What a blessing it was to reflect on both the victories and the hardships God has brought us through during this time.

Shannon and I stood at the front of the church with tears in our eyes as we quoted I Samuel 7:12b together: *"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."* We are truly thankful for His faithfulness. We have experienced many wonderful victories along the way.

For our special anniversary service, we had a guest speaker from Argentina. The Lord blessed us with visitors, a great service, and a sweet time of food and fellowship after the service. Like Samuel, we have set our stone of remembrance and are trusting God to continue working as we minister here in Atenas, Costa Rica.

In our last letter, we mentioned Jennifer and Alex. We are thankful they have remained faithful and are now attending discipleship classes on Thursday nights. It has been such an encouragement to watch their eagerness to grow in the Lord.

Carmen and Marixa have also begun attending church faithfully. Marixa recently received assurance of her salvation—what a joy to witness!

In April, Shannon hosted her monthly ladies' meeting with the theme *"Rooted in Christ."* We praise the Lord for the wonderful group of ladies who attended. It was a meaningful time filled with songs, prayer, games, and teaching from God's Word. The ladies were encouraged to be rooted in Scripture, in prayer, and in God's love.

This month, we are preaching on being committed to spreading the Gospel. We are also planning a special outreach day. On the last Sunday of the month, we will have an International Banquet. We are excited to represent different countries through food and fellowship. Our church has responded with great enthusiasm.

We deeply appreciate your prayers as we continue striving to reach Atenas for Christ.

Your missionaries in Costa Rica,

Rick Dove, Jr. and Shannon

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