

Trip to Costa Rica

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Dear Brethren,

We are looking forward to our annual trip to Costa Rica coming up this Tuesday. We just finished our three-week deputation work with Bros. Bismark Martinez, Francisco Moreno, and Pedro Alfaro. These men are seasoned, fundamental missionaries with a great vision to reach their countries with the gospel. It is our prayer that the churches visited will make the eternal investment of supporting these men and the work they are doing on the field. There is no end to God's greatness or his ability to provide the support that these faithful servants so desperately need. What's needed is the faith that the poor Macedonian churches exercised to see the work of the gospel go forward by first giving themselves to the Lord and allowing God to open the windows of heaven to unleash his "Elijah-barrell-unending" supply of his riches in glory. May the churches who had the blessing sent by God of having these missionaries visit their church prove (Mal. 3:10) the almighty generous God who acts according to our faith. *"Nevertheless, when the Son of Man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?"*

Our plans are to visit my daughter Melanie and her husband Quintin, plus our grandkids Justice and Verity. We will not only enjoy time with the family but also have the privilege of preaching to the Cabecar Indian people in a village called Atirro-La Esperanza. "La Esperanza" in Spanish means "Hope." The only hope for these isolated indigenous souls is the salvation that our Lord Jesus Christ offers.

My prayer also is that the Lord will direct me to those "divine appointments" which he has prepared along the way - through the airports, in the stores, among the people, etc. May his word have free course and may many hearts be open to receive the gospel message. I have a good supply of varied Chick tracts that I carry with me on these trips.

Concerning our needs, we still lack some \$500 to cover our proposed budget for this trip. Please help us pray for the Lord's provision. We certainly want to be able to freely move about without being strapped financially, especially if unexpected encounters should arise involving costs that weren't a part of the plan. Pray that the Lord would use us to get out his message and that his name would be glorified.

So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. Isa. 55:11

Please pray for our safety in traveling to and returning from Costa Rica, while we move about in the country, and for Nancy's health - that God would give her strength and grace to come and go, while being a blessing to her family, our Costa Rican friends, and the precious Cabecar Indian people. Pray that souls would be saved and that hearts would be edified and encouraged to be a witness to their own people. Time is short - JESUS IS COMING!!

For His Glory,

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Luke 19:10