



The Dove Family

Reaching the Latin World for Christ in
Costa Rica

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Dear Pastor and Co-laborer in Christ,

Well, we have had a very busy start to 2016.

As we mentioned in our last couple of prayer letters, we have been praying about a new church plant. As missionaries, we are always praying for the Lord's direction in our next area of service. We believe in the importance of church planting.

The Lord allowed us to work in Barva de Heredia for the past two and half years. We worked in many areas of the ministry, and we praise the Lord for our time in Barva. We are very thankful for the opportunity to work there and will miss the people very much.

The Lord has now directed us to the province of Alajuela, to the city of Atenas. Atenas has approximately 30,000 people and there is a great need in Atenas. The harvest truly is plenteous here. Since Atenas is a very Catholic area, we covet your prayers as we get into the community and get to know the people.

We are in the process of starting the Iglesia Bautista Victoria (Victory Baptist Church). Please pray for us as we have moved already to this area, and we have been working hard making contacts in the area. We look forward to this new opportunity and ask for your prayers. We had our first Sunday service with 22 in attendance. We praise the Lord for the people that God sent us. One man named Adolfo said with tears in his eyes this was the first time he and his family had ever been in church together. Please pray for Adolfo and his wife Yeimy and their son Jeremy. Their Catholic family members are not happy they are attending, and we ask that you pray for boldness for this young family in the Lord.

Our second Sunday, we had 23 in attendance with a young lady named Iranea saved. Isn't God Wonderful! Please pray for her as she grows spiritually.

We are looking forward to working in this area for many years and seeing the Lord do a great work with the dear people of Atenas.

Please also make our startup costs a matter of prayer. We have already had one church send an offering to help. We still need more chairs, Bibles, tracts, Sunday school material, discipleship material, paint, many construction supplies, and other startup costs. We have also started a fund to purchase a van. Since it is such a rural area, we are going to need a van to help bring in people. If you could help with a special offering, we would be very grateful. Please send the offering to BIMI and mark it: *new church startup costs*.

We are thankful for your faithful support, and we covet your prayers in the days ahead.

Your missionaries in Costa Rica,

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First service in Atenas



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