



The Dove Family

Reaching the Latin World for Christ in
Costa Rica

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Dear Pastor and Co-laborer in Christ,

As missionaries, it is always a blessing for us to see young couples we've worked with train for the ministry. Isaac, a young Costa Rican pastor, finished his Bible institute training. Just recently, I was able to participate in his ordination service. He will be pastoring in Santa Ana, an area near the capital. We have seen the Lord work in the lives of this sweet couple and are thrilled for Isaac and Fabiana as they begin their next step for the Lord.

The summer months have kept us busy with groups and family visiting. It has been such a blessing to have family visit. My parents visited us at the beginning of the summer. My Dad was able to help out with some projects at the church. What a joy it was to have him preach on Sunday to our church. Of course, I translated for him! We are so thankful for such a godly heritage. We ended the day with dinner "on the grounds." Our people were thrilled to fix a typical Costa Rican meal for my parents. Our oldest daughter, Rachel who is in Bible College, was also able to come down this summer for a few days, and we sure enjoyed having her. Please keep her in prayer as she starts her next semester of college soon.

God continues to bless our new work, Victory Baptist Church. We are seeing our small church grow spiritually and numerically. We have added two new families. In addition to our main service, God has allowed us to start a Sunday School program. We now have three classes on Sunday mornings. Shannon is teaching the children's class, Isel is working with the teen class, and Javier and Irene are heading up the adult class. Shannon and I also continue to have discipleship classes during the week with several folks. We are very proud that Adolfo, Yeimy, and Iranea just finished their discipleship classes. We have seen tremendous growth in their lives.

Construction projects continue slowly. The bathrooms and a small nursery are done! What a blessing! We hope to be able to put a roof on our concrete slab behind the church and install the gutters. Please pray we can see more of these projects done soon and that funds will come in to help us make it happen.

August 15th was Mother's Day here in Costa Rica. We had our second annual Mother/Daughter banquet. Our theme this year was "Growing in Christ." We had a total of 28 ladies/girls plus several men who came to cook and serve the meal. We had four first-time visitors. One lady named Gloria received Christ as her personal Savior. We are so thankful for God working during this activity, and we can't wait till next year!

God is blessing, and the devil isn't happy. Please pray for our church as we have some families that are going through *extremely difficult* times. We carry the burden of our people with us, and we hurt with them. We pray for them. Would you pray for our church too? We continue to praise the Lord and are encouraged to see our people praising the Lord even during extreme difficulties.

Thank you again for those of you that have sacrificially given toward the construction projects. Thank you, to all our prayer and financial partners. We are on the front line. Thank you for holding up the ropes!

Your missionaries in Costa Rica,

Rick Dove, Jr. and Family

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