Dear Pastor and Co-laborer in Christ,

Wow! It is hard to believe our church is now five months old! What a joy to see this new church being planted here in Atenas, Costa Rica!

June and July were very busy months in our new church. We had several groups come in to help us. We had the BIMI CLAIM team with us in June. These are professional men who give of their time and talents to help churches and missionaries with construction projects. We praise the Lord we were able to do several projects including a new drop ceiling in the church, the beginning of brand new electrical, and some painting. We were also able to put a wall up to separate the kitchenette from the church. The team was a real blessing. We ended with a fish fry with our church!

In July we had a group from BIMI CONNECT. Our director, Brother Terry Jones and his wife Kaye brought some folks to *connect* them to missions. They also were a blessing to our church by further helping with some electrical work. Brother Terry Jones preached for us on Sunday.

Costa Rica is *very strict* about buildings and code requirements. I met with the contractor this morning to find out what else we have to do to finish the requirements for our permits, and came away with a list. Unfortunately, we are at a standstill because we are out of funds. Please pray that God will supply the funds needed. God has been so faithful to supply needs thus far. We must do the following to finish code requirements on our building:

- Finish work on structural damage
- \$2,000 to build a handicap bathroom which is required to get permits.
- \$2,000 to lay the concrete floor for our church auditorium.
- \$500 for emergency lights, signage and fire extinguishers also required for permits

Concrete work needs to be done as soon as we can. Do you have a team that would like to come down and help us with this concrete work? Or maybe the handicap bathroom? We have a place you can stay for free. We just need help to do some of these concrete jobs and the bathroom. Maybe you have a team that could come down and take care of one or two of these projects. Can you help with the expenses?

Every day we see more and more the great need here in Atenas. Please continue to pray for the Iglesia Bautista Victoria. We covet your prayers. We are very thankful for you and thank you for partnering with our ministry here in Costa Rica.

Your missionaries in Costa Rica,

Rick Dove, Jr. & Family

With Brother Terry
Jones and one of the
CONNECT members

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