

PARTNERS

Who is going to help us?

IMB hosts: IMB missionary team in Costa Rica — long-term strategy

Church: Templo Bautista en Tibás — local pastors & members

On the ground: local contacts & Costa Rican believers

Sending: Cross Pointe team through IMB Go Experience

PRESENTATION

Good News, How?
Access, Proclamation

Good News: God reconciles sinners through Christ's death & resurrection; He calls all to repent & believe

How: conversations, home visits, kids/youth, sports, service

Access: open physically — the real gap is relational

Proclamation: clear, biblical, in Spanish; name sin, repentance, faith & grace — "soy católico" ≠ gospel

CHURCH

Worship, Communities, Indigeneity, Reproducibility

Worship: Christ-centered, Scripture-driven, in Spanish; culturally Costa Rican yet biblically distinct

Communities: small groups by neighborhood, family, men, women, youth & kids; discipleship in homes & daily life

Indigeneity: urban Costa Rican context — Ticos lead & shape it; don't import an American model

Reproducibility: simple structures; train to share, explain the gospel, study, disciple & lead; not dependent on outside funds — Costa Ricans reaching Costa Ricans

PEOPLE

Name of People Group

Tibás Residents (Urban Costa Ricans)

LOCATION

Where are these people?

Tibás, San José Province — urban canton just north of San José

Neighborhoods incl. León XIII (many vulnerable families)

Home of Saprissa stadium & Templo Bautista en Tibás

Neighborhoods, the farmer's market & the local church

CULTURE

Customs, Idols,
Needs, Bridges/
Barriers, Language

Customs: family-centered, soccer (Saprissa), neighbors, food, Catholic roots

Idols: family & comfort, soccer, status, cultural Christianity, autonomy

Needs: community, gospel clarity, strong families, youth, help in León XIII

Bridges: family, soccer, kids, food, service, friendship

Barriers: "already Christian," church distrust, secularism, busyness

Language: Tico Spanish, relational; explain fe, gracia, salvación

PLATFORM

Why are you here? How will we reach them?

Why: support IMB & Templo Bautista's work

Posture: guests who learn & serve, not lead

Neighborhoods: door-to-door evangelism & mapping

Market: farmer's market evangelism

Worship: with the local church in Spanish

Tools: testimonies, tracts, prayer walking

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Who is going to help us?

IMB hosts: IMB missionary team — campus strategy & training

Campus: Christian students at UCR — future disciple-makers

Church: Templo Bautista en Tibás — connect new believers to a local church

Sending: local contacts · Cross Pointe team via IMB Go Experience

PRESENTATION

Good News, How?
Access, Proclamation

Good News: Jesus is Lord; we rebelled; through His death & resurrection God forgives all who repent & believe

How: coffee 1-on-1s, Bible studies, discussion groups, apologetics

Access: classes, clubs, cafeterias — the challenge is real friendship

Proclamation: biblical + intellectual + relational + evangelistic; questions become bridges

CHURCH

Worship, Communities, Indigeneity, Reproducibility

Worship: biblical preaching, prayer, Scripture, fellowship — a safe place to ask hard questions

Communities: groups by housing, faculty, first-years, internationals & Christian students; friends for all of university life

Indigeneity: Costa Rican university culture — Costa Rican Christians lead; missionaries equip, not center

Reproducibility: missionary > student > disciple > new disciple; train to share testimony, explain the gospel, lead a study, disciple, start a group, train others

PEOPLE

Name of People Group

University of Costa Rica Students

LOCATION

Where are these people?

Rodrigo Facio campus, San Pedro de Montes de Oca, San José

~35,000 students in the area

Parks, cafeterias & common areas

Classes, clubs, libraries, study groups, campus events

CULTURE

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Needs, Bridges/
Barriers, Language

Customs: academics valued; campus life; friends via classes & clubs; open debate

Idols: achievement, career, autonomy, intellect, ideology, acceptance, "my truth"

Needs: meaning, belonging, honest answers, friends, support, discipleship

Bridges: philosophy, science, ethics, justice, human dignity, friendship

Barriers: secularism, "faith is anti-intellectual," relativism, sexual ethics

Language: academic Spanish; English prized; vocabulary ≠ understanding

PLATFORM

Why are you here? How will we reach them?

Why here: worldview-forming years; help IMB reach students

Campus: Solarium card tables in the park

Also: spiritual surveys & English club

Approach: relational + intellectual + evangelistic

Goal: students reached & connected to local churches

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