

THE PUTTCAMPS IN COSTA RICA

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Building the church in Costa Rica "so that Your ways may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations."



Thank you

We want to continue to express our deepest gratitude to all of our faithful prayer and financial partners. We understand the sacrifices you make in order to reach Costa Rican church leaders with valuable Biblical training. We are humbled before God and grateful to Him as He has continued to sustain us through you. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank each of you for your prayers on our behalf and for your faithful financial gifts. They have accomplished some amazing things!

Greetings from Costa Rica, where the rainy season has come early this year! While it is always hard to summarize our ministry into a concise update, we will attempt to share a few snapshots from the past few months, and then share what is in store for us over the coming months.

Much of our time so far this year has been spent serving our church as we appreciate the new church building and finish up many of the unfinished details. Dan has been finalizing the technology for the worship services. He also trained others on how to plan and run the audio/visual systems. Sarah hosted a retreat at our home for the church's women's leadership team. It was a sweet time of fellowship, Bible study, and planning future women's ministry events. We planned our first women's meeting in the new church building! We enjoyed plenty of space for games, crafts, and studying Psalm 1 together. Sarah and Dan also lead our first marriage ministry meeting in the new building. It is exciting to see the church growing and to have several new couples join us!

In addition to these ministries of the church, Dan is still coordinating the Bible Center groups, and we are looking forward to another graduation soon. Furthermore, we continue to develop our role as Global Outreach's Regional Care Coordinators for Latin America. In addition to checking in regularly with the missionary families in Central and South America, Sarah is working hard to build relationships with the missionary women of our region. Last month, she started a weekly virtual encouragement group, and she, along with two other women from the home office, are organizing a worldwide virtual women's retreat for later this month.

Now that we've given you some snapshots of the last several months, we want to let you know what the next few months hold. Over the last 14 years on the mission field and 8 years serving with Global Outreach, and especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, we have gradually assumed more and more ministry responsibilities. These are all good things that we enjoy doing, but we now realize that so many commitments have hindered our ability to accomplish all of them effectively. After discussing these concerns with our supervisors at Global Outreach, they asked us to take a sabbatical from our church ministry commitments to seek the Lord's guidance and leading for the future of our ministry in Costa Rica. Therefore, from June to September, we will take this intentional time to focus on gaining **clarity**, promoting **health**, and seeking **rest**. We explain a bit more about these goals, our plans to accomplish them, and how you can help us achieve them on the back of the page, so be sure to take a look. Thank you again for being a faithful part of building the church in Costa Rica, "so that Your ways may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations."

With love in Christ, Daniel, Sarah, Timothy, Tabitha, and Jonathan



Dan running the audio/visual equipment



Sarah hosting a women's retreat



Bible study at a women's meeting



Dan leading a marriage ministry meeting

CLARITY, HEALTH, & REST

During our sabbatical, we will dedicate considerable time to prayerfully answer key questions that will help lead us toward a renewed **clarity** of God's plan for our work in Costa Rica. This will include weekly coaching meetings with assignments that will help guide us toward this goal so that we will be able to better concentrate on the ministry work that *God* wants us to do.

Sarah's health crisis last year alerted us to the fact that we need to take better care of ourselves. Therefore, we will also dedicate time to establishing sustainable patterns to maintain our physical, emotional, and spiritual **health**. This includes ongoing physical therapy for Sarah and a surgical procedure for Dan. Taking care of these important issues will allow our ministry to be more productive.

Additionally, we will dedicate some time to much needed **rest**. Many seasoned, trained missionaries leave the field because of burnout, and we don't want to be one of those. We want to keep leveraging our 14 years of valuable language and cultural experience to continue to be as fruitful as possible in our ministry in Costa Rica.

Finally, Global Outreach is planning a retreat in Spain in September so their missionaries can reconnect, refresh, and receive. Our supervisors have asked our family to attend this retreat as part of our sabbatical, and we are confident that it will allow us to return to Costa Rica renewed and ready to minister more successfully than ever.

By the end of September, we expect to announce exciting changes in our ministry focus. While we don't know what exactly they will be, we are confident that God will lead us to renewed clarity, improved health, and replenished rest so that we can more effectively do His work.

THE KIDS still love playing in our yard together where they ride bikes, imagine and just run around. All three of them started in-person classes in February. **Timothy** is in 8th grade and can usually be found with his nose in a book or his pen darting over a sketchbook. **Tabitha** is in 6th grade, and now enjoys the new hobby of cooking and baking. **Jonathan** started kindergarten and is having a blast! Every day, he excitedly tells us all about it, but his favorite part of the day is when Timmy and Tabitha finally get home from school.



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HELP US ACHIEVE OUR GOALS

Pray with us to reach our goals

- Pray that we would be sensitive and open to the Lord's leading as we seek Him.
- Pray for clear answers to the key questions that will determine our path forward.
- Pray that God will renew our physical, emotional and spiritual health.
- Pray that God will help us to rest well in Him.
- Pray for wisdom and discernment for our counselors and coaches as they help guide us toward reaching our goals.

Give to help us reach our goals

- Jonathan has started school and we need new monthly commitments for these additional costs.
- Some of the health procedures we need will not be covered by our insurance.
- The retreat in Spain requires funds for travel, room, and board for our whole family.

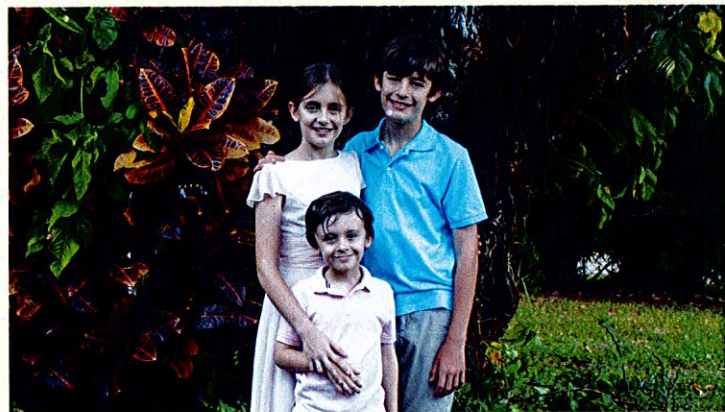
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