

Dear Prayer Partners:

March 20, 2010

We have 5 MORE days of language school!

Something we have noticed here in Costa Rica is all of the different sounds! A few are . . .

- the "tapping of keys". Since everything is behind bars here you don't knock on anyone's door (you can't even get to the door). Instead, Costa Ricans "tap" their keys against the metal of the barred gate to greet one another.
- the birds! Every morning about 4:00 a.m. the birds come alive! There are some very unusual sounding birds and we enjoy hearing them . . . but not necessarily at 4:00 in the morning.
- traffic! Every day trucks, cars, and motorcycles all go zooming by our home. Last Sunday when we were at church, the pastor was reading Scripture but paused and waited while the noisy traffic went by and then continued on reading. He knew it would be useless otherwise.
- the rumble of an earthquake. We had the 4.6 earthquake on Friday, March 5 and had another short rumble just a few nights ago. Every once in a while we sense a slight rumble but it is nothing compared to the sometimes "still moving" earth in other places around the world.
- Spanish . . . of course! Everywhere we turn we hear Spanish and that is good! It is certainly helping to "cement" more and more of it in our brains.

And, there are a few different sights too.



We saw this sign in a very small restaurant. It informs that they have air conditioning and TV in certain booths. The air conditioning was a ceiling fan above the booth and the TV option was because the table had only one bench and it faced the TV hanging at the front of the restaurant.



Here's an example of how people park their vehicles at their homes. It amazes us at how they can get vehicles into such tiny places.



We took this picture to give a view of the interior of the church building where we are attending. It has just a tin roof, very simple lighting, rough cement floors, a sound system, a few fans oscillating on one wall and wooden chairs. (And, no bulletin!!)

REMEMBERING OUR PURPOSE:

Planting: help our team of 7 establish a Hispanic (bilingual) Baptist church in Lorain, OH.

Partnering: assist established churches across the U.S. in developing Hispanic ministries.

Preparing: train Hispanic church leaders for future ministry to Hispanics.