

# COSTA CHANGED LIVES RICA

## Season of Sorrow and Hope

Over the last few months the Lord has walked with us through a tender and difficult season. We returned to the U.S. from Costa Rica to be with Jonathan's father during his final days. It was a precious gift from the Lord to sit at his side as he passed into the presence of his Savior. Marvin Robertson served faithfully with his wife Rebecca for 42 years as a missionary in Madrid, Spain. Even as we grieve, we rejoice in the hope of the gospel, knowing that Dad is at peace with the Lord and that one day we will be reunited before the Savior that he always pointed us to.

During this same time, Jonathan's mom was also diagnosed with an advanced case of cancer. We are grateful that we could accompany her through Dad's passing, help get things in order, and be with her for her initial chemotherapy and surgery. By God's grace, she is currently responding well to treatment. We are thankful she has a great church that has been faithful in caring and watching over her. Please, join us in praying that the Lord would continue to strengthen and heal her body and, most of all, sustain her heart as we left her again to return to Costa Rica.

## Next Steps in Costa Rica

After entrusting the Cedros church to local leadership earlier this year, the Lord has opened the door for us to come alongside a young church on the other side of San José. Though we have only just begun this new relationship, we've already been able to serve by helping with improvements at their rented facility and assisting them in organizing their very first Vacation Bible School. We are excited to see how God might use this partnership to encourage and strengthen His church and help train ministry leaders and future pastors.

## Pressing Needs

As we are look for a home closer to this young church, our current distance means significantly more driving, which has added urgency to our need to replace our aging vehicle. Keeping it would require thousands of dollars in repairs. With Costa Rican gas prices consistently over \$5 per gallon, we are praying for the Lord's provision of a more reliable and efficient car for ministry. We have been able to save and raise a portion of what is needed, but we still lack a substantial amount. We would invite you to prayerfully consider helping us meet this goal so that this vital need can be met.



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