



Dear Friends and Family,

August 2025

We hope that you are doing well. We are doing well and staying busy in the ministry. Jeremy stays busy preaching, teaching, and visiting people from the church. This last Tuesday he finished up the "Practical Discipleship" series. We spent a quite a bit of extra time working on plans for the evangelistic activity we told you about. We recorded an evangelistic video to use with our tracts. We also designed a new tract with a QR code that goes directly to the Gospel presentation. It took some extra time to print, cut, and fold the tracts. The new design does not require us to use stickers with the church information, so that will be helpful going forward. On the day of the activity we had about 26-27 people from the church come out to give out water bottles and Gospel tracts to those who were taking the "Romeria" pilgrimage. We gave out over 1,000 bottles of water and around 1,200-1,300 Gospel tracts. It was a good opportunity for many to get experience in giving out tracts. We are now preparing for a special Costa Rican Mother's Day service. We usually serve them a nice breakfast and have a time to honor mothers. We are also preparing for our trip planned for the end of the year and early 2026. A young man preparing for ministry will be preaching once per month until then and another faithful brother will teach on Tuesday nights. We are also looking at training one or more people to work the sound system.

Last month, the kids had a short 2 week summer vacation. We spent more time together and also took an overnight trip to visit some friends. Jeremy has stayed busy working on repairs and adjustments around the house in between the work of the ministry. The kids also received their grades. They are all doing very well and we are proud of them. Ellie and a classmate participated in their school's science fair. They won 1<sup>st</sup> place in their grade and went on to participate on the school level. They came in second and will now represent their school in a competition against other schools. This is all good news because we need to submit her grades to the local high school to secure her spot in the bilingual program.

Lastly, we are working on our plans for our next furlough. We can only take a short furlough, so we will not be able to visit every supporting church. We will need to prioritize our supporting churches that we did not or could not visit on our last furlough. Though it will be difficult to do all that we have to do, we hope to take another furlough before too long. This month, please pray:

1. That God will guide us and help us to get everything done with regard to furlough planning.
2. That God will continue to save souls and add them unto the church.
3. That God will strengthen the church and prepare it to press onward even in our absence.

In Christ,

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