



IGLESIA DE CRISTO

EN SAN JOSÉ SUR

WORK REPORT

January to April 2026

[Colossians 1:28-29 LBLA](#)

“We proclaim him, admonishing everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. And toward this end I also labor, striving with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me”.

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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the work conducted in preaching the Gospel for the church of Christ that meets in San José Sur, Costa Rica, during the period from January to April 2026. I have sought to speak in accordance with the Word of God with faithfulness and dedication (1 Peter 4:11), seeking to build up the church as well as to seek the lost. The following is an organized summary of the activities conducted, the results observed, and the challenges faced in the Lord’s work.

Overview

With this overview, I would like to present a summary of the work we have done, including sermons, Bible classes, and home visits. For the following reports regarding evangelism, I will present a general summary of the people we have contacted, as well as the doors we have knocked on. This will help us keep track of both the area and the people we have reached (we are implementing this as part of a study I am conducting with the House-to-House program).

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| Sermons: | 17 sermons. |
| Sunday Bible Classes: | 17 Bible classes. |
| Wednesday Bible Classes: | 17 Bible classes. |
| Bible classes for visitants: | 17 Bible classes. |
| Bible classes for youth: | 17 Bible classes. |
| Bible classes for children: | 17 Bible classes. |
| Visits to brothers: | 18 visitants (once a week), with a group (4 times, once a month). |
| Marriage Retreat: | 1 meeting. (every 3 months). |
| Women’s Meeting: | 1 meeting. (every 2 months). |
| Youth Meetings: | 4 meetings. (once per month). |
| Meeting for Seniors: | 1 meeting. (every 3 months). |
| Men's meeting: | 1 meeting. (every 2 months). |
| Videos filmed and edited for social media: | 27 videos. |
| Agapes: | 4 meetings. (once per month). |





Activities Conducted

During this period, we prepared sermons for the Sunday worship service and conducted Bible classes on both Sundays and Wednesdays, which is our midweek meeting day. We also visited fellow believers and held Bible studies with those we had met through evangelism efforts.

These activities enable us to remain steadfast in the apostles' teaching, strengthen the congregation, give glory to God, and continue to share the Gospel with others. Below is a summary of the work that has been done.

It should be noted that this is a joint effort, which means that the men of the congregation participate in it. Therefore, I would like to focus here solely on the work I have done myself. This includes the sermons, classes, and visits in which I have personally participated through my own initiative, prayer, and effort.

Through our sermon series on 1 John, we aim to teach how to have fellowship with God, so that the church may be encouraged to live in harmony with what we believe and what we do. We also seek to warn the church about the dangers of false doctrine.

Additionally, the series of sermons on the tabernacle sought to teach its fundamental themes, as well as to encourage the church to serve in the areas God has designated for good works. It also aimed to instruct the church on God's plan for moving from the altar to His throne.

| Sunday Sermons | |
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| Series: | Specific Topic: |
| 1 John: A Life in Communion with God | It is a life in the light (1 Jn. 1:1-10) |
| | It's a life apart from the world (1 Jn. 2:15-17) |
| | It is a life lived in truth (1 Jn. 2:18-23) |
| | It is a life that listens to the Holy Spirit (1 Juan 4:1-6, 13-15) |
| | It is a life of victorious faith (1 Jn. 5:1-13) |
| The Tabernacle: In the House of My God | The Light of the Gospel: Keep Your Light Shining (Éx. 25:31-34) |
| | Let Incense Rise to God: Worship That Gives Off a Fragrant Aroma (Éx. 30:1-7) |
| | The Ark of the Covenant: Christ's Work on His Throne (Éx. 25:10-22) |

Over the past four months, I've had the privilege of teaching the visitors' class. We've had at least one visitor every Sunday. The most we've had in my class is six visitors, two of whom attend every Sunday. I should mention that the church doesn't have a suitable space for this, but we make do with what we have. Classes are held on the sidewalk along the road. We bought an awning, and we set up chairs there to conduct this noble work. We have neighbors who lend us a spot. However, we only use it when they're not there, since that spot is used for cheerleading; but when they do use it, we don't use it because of the immodest attire worn by the people who attend there.

Regarding our midweek service, which takes place on Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., we use this time to learn new songs and practice them. We also pray specifically for current situations, church projects, and many other matters. Additionally, we study specific topics. We recently held a series on the identity of the church of Christ. The purpose of this series was to instruct the brothers and sisters what constitutes the behavior of a healthy church in doctrine, based on Acts 2:38-47. We also had a series on the doctrine of grace. The purpose of this series was to address apologetic topics in opposition to Calvinism and Premillennialism, which are widely shared and discussed by the fellowship on social media.

| Bible study on Wednesdays | |
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| Series: | Specific Topic: |
| This Is Who We Are: The Identity of Christ's Church | We Are Saved (Hch. 2:38) |
| | We Are Adorers (Hch. 2:42) |
| | We Are Generous (Hch. 2:45) |
| | We are the light of the world (Hch. 2:47) |
| Rescued: the doctrine of Grace | The Doctrine of Original Goodness (Ezequiel 18:20) |
| | Atonement: God's Way of Saving Sinners (Romans 5:6-11) |
| | The Cleansing and Renewal of the Soul (Titus 3:4-6) |
| | The Assurance of Salvation (1 Jn. 5:13) |
| | Justification in Christ (Rom. 5:1) |
| | Grace and Obedience in Christ (Rom. 6:11-14) |
| | The Doctrine of the New Covenant (Heb. 10:1-18) |



As for evangelism, as a church we set aside one Sunday a month to go door-to-door, preach in parks, and hold Bible studies with visitors that same Sunday. In addition, on a personal level, once or twice a week (depending on our workload), we hold Bible studies or go out to make new contacts.



Currently, we are conducting a training program for education. Weekly classes are being recorded. Both brothers and sisters take the course whenever they can, complete the assignments, and submit them to the teacher. All of this is done with the goal of equipping the church so that our children receive Bible lessons rather than mere entertainment.



The senior citizens' group. It's a group I organized. Through God's Word, I've learned how important they are and the respect they deserve, and it's something I've put into practice ever since I arrived. Often, senior citizens aren't given the place they deserve; people don't want to spend time with them, listen to them, or talk to them. I've benefited from them. They have a wealth of wisdom and experience. In this case, all of them are women; I feel very comfortable and well-advised by them. I am learning a lot from this group.



We view the men's and women's meetings as a time for edification, to strengthen our bonds for the mission we have as a church. This is a much-needed area; we learn to get to know one another better, to have more empathy for one another, to understand our personalities, and to have that space just for us. These two groups have been very beneficial, as each man is growing in his areas of service within the church. We men also use this time to equip ourselves for ministry.



We have activities for married couples in the congregation, as well as for anyone else who would like to join us. This first meeting of the year received a very positive response. We had sisters who are not members of the congregation. They were kind enough to visit us and join us. It was a very uplifting time, and an important opportunity to build those relationships so that we can share the Gospel with them.



The visitation group is very important, as it helps us understand the state of each brother and sister, as well as their circumstances. We try to use it for new converts and those whose faith is wavering. However, we also keep it open to anyone who wishes to be visited. Regarding the photo I am about to show, it features a family of recently restored brothers and sisters: the Narvaez Mendieta family. All of them are active and serving the Lord.



The members of the Church of Christ in Sarchí asked for help with their evangelistic campaign. I had the privilege of being able to assist them. A large group of students from Free-Hardeman University came and provided tremendous support throughout the entire effort. We knocked on many doors. We visited colleges and schools. Thank God, the members in Sarchí were encouraged, the Gospel was preached, I practiced English with the group, and there were baptisms.



Spiritual Results

Thanks to everyone's efforts, we have achieved excellent spiritual results. Our faith community has grown, with active and strengthened members. God has also granted us the opportunity to witness a new birth for His honor and glory. Sister Elena Buford. A Catholic for many years. She lives a 4-hour drive from the meeting place. But thank God, this has not been an obstacle for her, and she remains faithful. I ask for your prayers for our new sister.

Our family has remained strong. The church seems happy, and everyone works in the areas they enjoy. We are growing according to God's will. We are holding fast to the faith. We continue to sow the Word of God. We are growing in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



Challenges

During this time, we have identified certain situations that always require spiritual attention. Some members have strayed from the path of faith, which is a cause for concern. We have also noticed that some members have been inconsistent in their attendance at worship services, especially on Wednesdays. This affects our spiritual edification and growth. These are areas we are constantly monitoring and addressing.

On the other hand, we have faced difficulties in collaborating with other congregations, which limits the growth in unity that God demands among His people. We are actively working on this, though to be honest, it is a bit exhausting. As a congregation, we have tried many different approaches to build up the church and have a greater impact on our country. This does not mean we will stop striving toward this goal; we have already established connections with several congregations. My prayer is that we can create local programs and develop them into a large-scale initiative. For example, young people trained to preach, lead worship, lead the communion service, accept the offering, and lead prayers.

Areas for improvement

This family's top priority is evangelism. We need to grow in number. We need to reach out to the lost. Although we have a good team working on this, not everyone is involved. We are working more consistently on Bible studies and following up with those who are interested.

We need to foster the spiritual growth of young people. We guide them through the Word so that they may remain steadfast. We are working to encourage their ongoing participation and to create an environment that supports them and strengthens their faith.

It is necessary to train men in the knowledge and teaching of the Word so that they can take on responsibilities in the church. For this reason, we are developing a program for the men of the congregation with this goal in mind, which we plan to launch soon.

Upcoming Plans

In addition to the three areas mentioned above, I'd like to highlight a few projects we have as a church. These include: a three-day seminar on Job in May led by Brother Hiram Kemp, which will focus on observing the faithful man in times of trial. Additionally, his wife, Brittani Kemp, has been asked to lead a class for women on the topic of "Flourishing in Unity."

We will also be holding the "Legacy of Faith" camp for all the families in our church. This year, our theme will be "Convictions." The purpose of the camp is to give

glory to God, build up the church through the teaching of sound doctrine, reach out to the lost, and, year after year, see the growth that God has granted us in Him.

I have also been invited to Panama—specifically, to the Church of Christ in Santiago, Veraguas. I will be participating in a Bible campaign where I will have the privilege of sharing God’s Word on four occasions. It is a privilege that they reached out to me through social media, and I am grateful for the trust they have placed in me to preach the Gospel.

This isn't a future because we're already doing it—like recording videos to spread the Gospel. We’ve had a good response. In fact, thanks to this, two Sundays ago we had a visitor with his grandchildren. But if we’re going to start a serious weekly program, we’re adapting space in our facility. I’m also saving up to buy special equipment to ensure good sound quality. Right now, we’re using our cell phones.



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| Itinerario de Trabajo | |
| MIE Mayo 27 | Tarde: 06:30 Llegada a David, Panamá. Llegada a Santiago, Panamá. |
| JUE Mayo 28 | Mañana: 08:00-12:00 Descanso y Preparación. Tarde: 01:00-5:00 Visitación. |
| VIE Mayo 29 | Mañana: 08:00-12:00 Preparación. Tarde: 05:30-06:30 Exposición 1: La Conversión del Carcelero. |
| SAB Mayo 30 | Mañana: 08:30-12:00 Evangelismo. Tarde: 05:30-06:30 Exposición 2: La Conversión de Saulo. |
| DOM Mayo 31 | Mañana: 09:30-10:15 Día del Señor 09:30-10:15 Exposición 3: Vuestro Adversario el diablo: Alabes Contra de la Iglesia Desde Adentro. 10:55-11:30 Exposición 4: Fides Hæret La Muerte: ¿Cómo ser fiel en un mundo infiel? Tarde: 01:00-08:00 Evangelismo en la campaña evangelística de la Iglesia de Cristo en Panamá. |
| LUN Junio 01 | Mañana: 05:00 Viaje a David, Panamá. 08:30 Viaje a San José, Costa Rica. |



CONCLUSION

I want to thank you sincerely, my beloved brothers and sisters, and it is my prayer that this message will reach every member of the church. You share with me in the work of preaching the Gospel. Just as the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit do, you – my family – are my daily source of motivation.

There are not enough words to express my gratitude for all the effort you put into helping my family, for every prayer you offer to the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ on our behalf. Even during struggles, weariness, and difficult times, we must continue to abide in Christ. He always sees what many do not see. He knows the sacrifices that go unmentioned and remembers every deed done with love and faith (Hebrews 6:10).

Thank you for always standing by my family. For believing in us and entrusting us with this noble yet serious work. Thank you for loving the Truth and holding fast to it wherever you are. Let us remember that our work is measured not only by visible results, but also by the faithfulness of our hearts. Thank you for remaining faithful to the teachings of Christ.

I'm always open to feedback and suggestions on how to glorify God in everything I do. Please let me know if you see any areas where I can improve or build on what I've already accomplished. You can email me at j.paul_cofc10@icloud.com, message me on WhatsApp at +(506) 7199-2538, message me on Messenger, or find me on Facebook as Jean Paul Gamboa Fallas.

Once again, thank you for everything. Let us remain steadfast, brothers and sisters, and constant, always growing in the Lord's work, knowing that our labor in Him is not in vain (1 Corinthians 15:58). Though the path is narrow, the promise is sure. Let us keep our eyes fixed on what is eternal, encouraging one another, and persevering to the end. May God's grace, peace, and love be with us all! I love you in the Lord!