



The Blanz Family

Missionaries to **Costa Rica**

Dear Friends and Family,

February 2026

This last month we began our main furlough trip. We began our first meetings in Jacksonville, FL. We then gave ministry reports or presentations in a total of 11 scheduled meetings in the states of FL, SC, NC, TN, and VA. Unfortunately, the service for one other church was canceled due to Winter Storm Fern. We hope to visit them on our next furlough. At the end of the month, we had another cancellation in SC due to Winter Storm Gianna. We then made a plan B to visit a church in TN. That meeting was also canceled due to much heavier snow than expected. We then had a plan C, which didn't work out. As we traveled up toward Chattanooga, the snow began falling much heavier than expected so we came off the road and sought temporary refuge at a McDonald's and mall. Thankfully, there was a church in the area that allowed us to stay at their missions house. They received us very kindly with a nice warm place to stay. They also allowed us to present our ministry on Sunday. We are thankful for the kindness and hospitality of God's people! We were also able to book one more meeting in SC and reschedule the canceled one.

Our church in Costa Rica has remained faithful and is continuing to see new people come to the church. I am impressed by the example of those in their 70s, 80s, and even 90s who are modeling faithfulness for the next generation. There are also some newer young people who are attending faithfully and beginning to serve. A couple of weeks ago, there were 14 who went out sharing the Gospel.

We enjoyed spending some time with our family. It was good to visit some friends from our days in Bible college. We are thankful for the families that have hosted us and been kind to our family. We have made many memories of fun with family and friends. We had hoped to see snow at least once, but for the last few weeks we have seen it nearly every day! We have appreciated the beauty of snow, glistening ice-covered trees, and even had fun making snow angels and snowballs. We had one scary experience with some black ice. By the grace of God, we flagged down a man who was able to help us. He was able to guide Jeremy and help keep the vehicle from sliding down the hill into the ditch. He may not have known it, but we believe he was the answer to the prayers of those who have prayed for us over this last month.

Thank you to all who have prayed for us. There are 2 new churches that will support our ministry and 1 more that will increase our support. This month, please pray...

- 1 – That God will continue to keep us safe and healthy as we continue to travel in the U.S.
- 2 – That God will provide the means for the Costa Rican church to have its own building
- 3 – That God will provide additional support so that we may return to Costa Rica fully funded.

In Christ,

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