



Dear Friends and Family,

March 2023

Last was an unusual month for sure. It started out pretty normal. Jeremy has been teaching on the attributes of God and began a new sermon series on the call of the Christian. We have begun to get some new people involved in serving. Unfortunately, after the van was left with a mechanic for several days, it appears that nothing was done to solve the problem. Hopefully, we will find another mechanic to fix it. Jeremy has been visiting Lilliam in the hospital. She was finally released last week and came to church on Sunday to praise God and continue seeking prayer. She needs a miracle. We have had several visitors over the last month. Some were invited by family members and friends. Others received an invitation from our door-to-door evangelism efforts. Others even came from the language school. Of course, along with positive growth also comes challenges. On Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, we heard reports of a broken window at the church building. When Jeremy arrived, there were police taping off the area. He looked up at the third floor of the building where we meet and the huge window (side wall) was shattered with huge sharp pieces of glass dangling in the wind. It appears that a small earthquake may have damaged the glass and some really strong winds busted it out. The church meeting area looked like a disaster zone. Jeremy managed to remove the dangling glass to eliminate any danger to pedestrians. Thankfully, we were able to meet in the additional area that we rent for the children's ministry. Eventually, we were able to get it replaced. We are now waiting for the replacement of the glass door which was also shattered.

As for our family, we are doing well. The kids are doing well in school. We are planning a short trip in June to see our family. In the meantime, we are working to renew our passports. We are also working to renew our legal residency here in Costa Rica. Our home church is planning a youth missions trip in August, so we are also busy working on the details for that. Our kids are excited and looking forward to seeing them.

March will also be a very busy month. Besides all of the church ministry, Jeremy will also be preaching twice to the missionary students at the language school. Please pray for the following:

1. That the renewal of our legal residency will be approved without any complications.
2. That God will guide us as we make some necessary changes to the religious association.
3. That God will heal Mrs. Lilliam and help her to recover.
4. That God will continue to save souls and add them to the church.
5. That those who are beginning to serve will do so faithfully and that the church will be strengthened.

In Christ,

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