

Costa Rican Reflections



I, Marcette, am sitting on our balcony as I write this prayer letter, enjoying the light breeze and the sound of parrots (noisy as they are) flying overhead. As I look around, I am amazed by the various shades of green—palm trees, pines, cactus, bamboo—interspersed with brilliant pink, purple, and orange flowers and punctuated by the intermittent flight of countless varieties of butterflies. It is beautiful. On days like this, I am reminded that we serve a God who is beautiful, creative, and passionately in love with us. What does He want of us? To love Him back! Why else would He woo us with so many wonderful sights and experiences? Why else would He give up everything to draw near to us in the body of Christ? Whether the world in which we live is shrouded in ice and snow or bursting with new life, it speaks to us of something greater, a better world for which we were created, a better life to which we are called.

Did you know:

Costa Ricans use the phrase “Pura Vida” (“pure life”) to say everything from “goodbye” to “you’re welcome” to “I’m fine” to “Cool!” and more?

While it is important for every Christian to know and understand this, it is crucial for those who are in Christian ministry. Our former youth pastor once said that the greatest threat to modern theology was the tendency of many seminary students to “lose their passion for Christ.” When the Bible becomes a text book rather than a love letter from the Creator to the created, those who study it may come away intellectually challenged but spiritually stagnant. This is why we at LATN/ProMETA strive to preserve & strengthen our relationships with Jesus and encourage our students to do the same. The Church in Latin America is in dire straights these days. False doctrines have infiltrated many congregations. Satan seeks to kill and destroy from within, but those leaders who are fully committed to Christ and the truth of His word will be victorious! Thank you for enabling us to be part of a ministry that sees this threat to the Church and seeks to address it. **Please continue to pray for our students, religious leaders from 24 different nations, as they serve their Lord.**



Traditional Transportation



Grandma goes to school...



.... Twice!!



Grandma’s new friend



Visiting Irazú Volcano

Prayer & Praise

- Praise God for His love & mercy!
- Pray for Meghan & Marius, visiting us March 6—19, for safe travel, rest & renewal.
- Pray for our family & students to grow in the knowledge & wisdom of the Lord.



Family News: Thank you for praying for Lindsay as she took the SAT exams; she did very well! Thank you for praying for Jordan; she loves her new pre-school! Thank you for your continued prayers for Meghan as she prepares for her International Ministry Internship in South Africa, May—August, 2010. And thank you for praying for my mom’s visit. We had a wonderful time with Grandma! She got to see the girls’ schools, our church & the LATN/ProMETA office, and to experience our daily life. We were also pleased to share some of the natural beauty of Costa Rica with her! (See photos.)

For most of you, spring is just around the corner. I urge you to take time to notice the changes in the landscape and to ask the Lord to bring about change and new life within your own soul. May He answer in ways that take your breath away!

In His Grace,
Henry, Marcette, Meghan, Lindsay & Jordan

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