

# Costa Rican Reflections



**Did you know:**

Costa Rican bars close from Maundy Thursday through Easter day?

There are few things in this world that can compare to a Latino worship service. As worshippers whistle, jump, and applaud, passers-by might think those inside are watching an exciting soccer match, when in fact they are praising their God in a way that is uniquely theirs. You cannot help but be moved as you consider the one Onlooker who smiles upon the scene, perhaps elbowing the angels surrounding Him, to say with pride, "Those are my kids!" Worship brings great pleasure to the Lord and to His children, and we are blessed to be in a culture that understands that truth well!

Yet, worship doesn't have to look like that. The early morning Easter service we enjoyed at our Area Leader's home with other missionary and Costa Rican friends was a bit less exuberant yet just as worshipful and

pleasing to God. Even the humble lesson that Marcette taught to the children that day, a homemade Resurrection Egg lesson translated back into English from the original version she'd created for use in Honduras, was a type of worship. The few MK's in attendance brought joy to the Lord as they listened carefully to the story of His death and resurrection. The proof that they'd listened well came later, when 3½ year old Jordan opened a plastic egg at home later that day and said, "Look, Mom, it's empty, just like Jesus!" meaning, of course, the empty tomb. We believe that such simple faith pleases God, and we believe that, too, is worship.



Jordan & Anna learn of Easter

Worship should be a way of life for each of us. When we notice & give God credit for a beautiful day or the kindness of a friend, we are worshipping Him. When Henry took time out of his normal work day to share his knowledge of online tools used in distance education with representatives of the Evangelical Seminary of Puebla, Mexico, during their recent visit to ProMETA, he was exercising his God-given gifts. That, too, is worship.

On May 18—19, during ProMETA's special training sessions, Henry will again be using his gifts & knowledge in a worshipful way. He will be training our professors to effectively utilize Moodle, ProMETA's online learning environment. Henry doesn't think of himself as a teacher, but he is definitely the best man for this particular job. Please pray for him as he is stretched & used of God for the edification of the work here. You know, each of us was made to worship God in a unique way, and when we do that, it brings Him joy. May we all live intentionally, worshipping the Lord in every moment!

Our oldest daughter, Meghan, will be worshipping the Lord in many new & challenging ways this summer. Meghan leaves Chicago on May 23, to fly to Pretoria, South Africa, where she will

**Prayer & Praise**

- Pray for our visitors' safe drive to Costa Rica from Honduras.
- Pray for Henry, teaching May 18-19.
- Pray that Meghan's support will be raised by May 23.



• Pray for Meghan in South Africa, May 23-Aug. 20.

fulfill her International Ministry Internship requirement to graduate from Moody Bible Institute in 2011. Meghan will be living with a South African family during her 12 weeks in the country. During the first 6 weeks, she'll be adapting to the culture & language of South Africa under the watchful eye of that family. She will then be working with the Missions Pastor of their church in July & August, returning to Chicago on August 21, just two days before classes start.  **Meghan has to raise \$3,000 in support before she leaves on May 23. If you would like to support her & receive her prayer letters, please contact her at [meghan.m.happ@moody.edu](mailto:meghan.m.happ@moody.edu).** Please join us in praying for Meghan's financial support, her physical health & safety, and her God-ordained ministry in South Africa.



Meghan in Chicago

Finally, we thank God that our former teammate, Kris Driscoll, and Honduran friends, Misael, Ivonne, & Ryan, are coming to visit May 9—14.

What a joy it will be to worship with them again! Please pray for their safe drive from Tegucigalpa.

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

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