

Costa Rican Reflections



"Many waters cannot quench love; rivers cannot wash it away. If one were to give all the wealth of his house for love, it would be utterly scorned"
Song of Songs 8:7

Did you know:

Costa Rica has its own "gold boom" town, and some still pan for gold there?

When Henry & I chose those words to be included in our marriage ceremony, we had no idea that their truth would be tested on foreign soil. We thought we knew what the future had in store for us, but God had bigger plans than we ever could have imagined! On June 23, we celebrated 20 years of marriage, and thanks to the generous gift of "fun money" from some stateside friends



Happy Anniversary!

and the equally generous gift of time and childcare from a friend and co-worker here, we were able to celebrate in style at one of Costa Rica's beautiful beach resorts, taking advantage of rainy season specials. It had been more than 2½ years since we'd been away alone together, so you can imagine how much we appreciated this gift. Incredibly, even though it had been raining every day in San José for almost two weeks, the Lord blessed us with two gloriously sunny days on the beach to enjoy His creation and the love He's given us. It was truly a wonderful anniversary!

"The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom..." 2 Timothy 4:18a.

These words are especially meaningful to our LATN/ProMETA team right now. As we have continued to serve the Lord, we've been under constant attack from the enemy. Though that is a sign that we're on the right track and gaining ground for the Kingdom of Christ, it can be very challenging. In the past year alone, two of our team members have had heart surgery, one has had *three* back surgeries, and most recently, one of our team members was diagnosed with breast cancer. It was a shock to learn of this newest attack, especially since the seriousness of the issue required a quick return to the U.S. for acting Executive Director, Mark Hendrickson, and his wife, Martha, who began treatment in their home state of Colorado in June. Initial tests have been "worrisome," and Martha will begin chemotherapy soon. Pillars of faith, Mark & Martha were two of the founding members of LATN/ProMETA. Their absence is felt by many here in Costa Rica. However, we trust that God will heal Martha completely and use this trial to bring great glory to His name, and we ask that you join us in praying to that end. Please pray for their daughters, Melinda & Michelle, college students in Colorado, as the family faces this challenge together. Please pray also for the rest of our team as we continue to fight the good fight of faith.

Prayer & Praise

- Praise God for a loving marriage.
- Pray for Martha's healing & peace for the family.
- Pray for the physical & spiritual protection of our entire team.



• Pray for Meghan as she serves the Lord in South Africa.

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity" 1 Timothy 4:12.

Thank you for praying for Meghan! She continues to do well in South Africa, and she says that the people there are some of the friendliest she's ever met! Though she hasn't seen any World Cup games, she has seen lots of wildlife, including these two snakes that apparently wanted to go home with her! Please continue to pray for her physical & spiritual protection and for grace, stamina, perseverance, and wisdom as she serves as a Missions Intern in a Dutch Reformed Church in Pretoria until mid August.



Meghan's new friends?

We are so grateful for you & your prayers. May God bless you richly!

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

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