

# Costa Rican Reflections

***A new year, and many new opportunities for ProMETA!***



Every January, a new quarter begins for the Spanish speaking students of ProMETA. These men and women are busy with ministry, family, and, many times, vocational responsibilities outside of their ministries, and yet they make it a priority to continue to study that they might be better equipped to do the work to which God has called them. ***This quarter, we have 43 students of 14 different nationalities residing in 11 different countries who are studying with us.*** In other words, our ministry has an incredible opportunity to impact the Spanish speaking Church all around the world!

Other opportunities are continually presenting themselves in the form of partnerships with other educational institutions. The ***13 partnerships*** that are already signed or in the process of development are, according to Executive Director Keith Anderson, "critical to the growth of ProMETA as we enter new areas of ministry and impact." The most recent invitations have come from Christian institutions in ***Peru and Nicaragua***, and we are excited about them. It is amazing to see how our ministry's reputation has grown in the Spanish speaking world and wonder what else God has in store for us.



ProMETA's Pastors' Breakfast

The leadership of the ministry recently made a decision to reach out to the local Church in a new and innovative way. On January 31st, ProMETA hosted its first ***breakfast for local pastors*** during which we outlined an equipping strategy for local churches. Why? This will help local pastors learn more about ProMETA (we have been called a very well kept secret here in Costa Rica), and that may result in more students from those churches. The response was overwhelming! A few of the pastors requested more information regarding our programs, and one even brought his academic documents with him so that he could apply that day! Please pray for ProMETA as we continue to pursue this opportunity and develop these relationships.

**Family Opportunities:** Early in January, we received word that Meghan and her fiancé, Marius, had been approved as missionaries with ***Zion Evangelical Mission to Africa*** (ZEMA). This was wonderful news! For almost three years,

### Please Pray:

- Praise God for increasing the impact of our ministry.
- Pray for Meghan & Marius as they prepare for marriage and missionary life.
- Pray for Marcette as she leads the Bible Study.
- Pray for protection from the Enemy.



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Meghan and Marius have been learning more about the ministry of ZEMA, a Zion, Illinois based mission which ministers to Marius's native country of South Africa, and to all of us, it seemed like the most logical fit for them. Please pray for them as they prepare for marriage (June 26) and the mission field (as soon as their support is raised). Also, please join us in thanking God for providing such a wonderful opportunity for them!

Marcette's ***International Women's Bible Study*** will be starting up again in mid-February, and we've added about 10 new members! Please pray for her as she leads a lesson on "Jesus as our Shepherd" on February 17. What an opportunity to share God's love & grace with these women, some of whom still trust in traditions and good works for their salvation.



Bible Study Christmas Brunch

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

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