

# Costa Rican Reflections



In a recent sermon, the pastor of our Costa Rican church asked if we knew the name of the second largest Mexican city. Would you believe it's Los Angeles, California? Well, it is, and the population of Spanish speakers who live outside of Latin America or Spain is increasing every day!

This was a good reminder that our ministry—equipping Spanish speaking church leaders around the world via the internet—is truly vital in this day and age. Thanks to on-going advances in technology and the low cost of internet cafes in most parts of the world, men and women who long to serve God and build up the Spanish speaking Church can get the training they need to fulfill the Lord's call on their lives! Thanks to the skills and abilities of people like Henry, well trained theologians such as the professors of ProMETA are able to affect change in the lives of more believers than ever before—through the efforts of the native pastors and teachers who study with ProMETA online. Praise God!



Henry represents ProMETA at a Church Missions Fair in Costa Rica

A co-worker recently “ran the numbers,” and now we know that some 116 men and women have studied with ProMETA from 21 different countries. That's amazing! We are also amazed by the fact that those students represent 24 different nationalities! About half of our students are pastors, and the others are all involved in church-related ministry of some kind. There is no way that our ministry could have this kind of impact without the use of the internet. I wonder if the inventors of the world wide web had any idea the impact it would have—both in this life and in the one to come!

When we began this missionary journey, almost 11 years ago now, we continually said to God, “But, we're just ordinary people. How can You use us?” He has always answered in amazing ways! We were reminded of this last Sunday by a visiting pastor who is on his way to plant a church in Panama City. He said, **“God will do extraordinary things through ordinary people for His glory!”** Now, that's reason to rejoice in your ordinariness! ☺

### Please Pray:

- Praise God for uniquely gifting each of us!
- Pray for a safe and blessed visit to Honduras, March 24—28.
- Pray for our family as we continue to seek God's will for our lives and ministry.



One of the things the Lord allowed us ordinary people to do for Him was to help plant an Evangelical Free church in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. That Honduran-led church is still alive and growing, and we're going to visit them soon! March 24—28, we will be in Tegucigalpa, Jordan's birthplace. During that short time, we hope to encourage the church and to reconnect with the people we love so much. Please pray for us as we travel and minister in Honduras. May God be glorified in and among us!

There may be times that you, too, feel ordinary and wonder if you have anything to offer, but the truth is that God has equipped YOU to do something extraordinary for Him! You may not be called to foreign service, but maybe you're to support those who are. Or you may be uniquely gifted to encourage others, to teach, or to serve. Make no doubt about it; God has a wonderful plan for you, and in God's family, *ordinary is extraordinary!*

In His Grace,  
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