



# Costa Rican Reflections

The month of March was one of our busiest and most blessed yet! Allow us to share some highlights with you...

Early in March, Henry traveled once again to La Carpio, a marginal neighborhood of Nicaraguan refugees. Most of the residents of La Carpio are illegal aliens who have fled to Costa Rica in search of a better life for their families and now find themselves living in sub-standard housing and fighting against gang influence for the hearts of their children. Some friends have developed a ministry that teaches computer skills to the children of La Carpio, and they sometimes call upon Henry to assist. This time, he helped the kids learn more about robotics as they wrote code to make a small, Lego robot follow a blue line around a track and shoot a ball when it crossed a red line. This may not sound like much, but considering the minimal education these kids



Robotics in La Carpio

receive, it's pretty impressive! These classes have the power to inspire them to seek something more than gang membership or playing soccer. Doors may open to greater employment opportunities because of their accomplishments and the self esteem they've gained. And through it all, they are constantly hearing of the love of God and His plan for their lives!



Happ & Montero Families

We spent 4 wonderful, HOT days in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, this month, too. What a blessing it was to pray & praise, laugh & cry with our beloved friends again! On a visit to the church we'd helped plant 7 years ago, we were encouraged to see how easily most of the people flipped through their Bibles to locate specific verses upon hearing only part of the text. Obviously, these people use their Bibles regularly, which was one of our main goals in discipleship. It was wonderful to worship with them again, see how their families had grown, and celebrate some birthdays, too. God has been so good to us!



Emerita's Birthday

### Please Pray:

- Praise God for giving us a safe & blessed visit to Honduras.
- Praise for the Art Merit and Academic Scholarships Lindsay has been awarded!
- Pray for an end to

violence in Honduras, protection of our friends, & spiritual revival.



We also spent time with Matthew & Jennifer Allen & family, our former colleagues in Costa Rica, who recently arrived in Tegucigalpa now live just blocks from our old house. What a joy it was to introduce them to our dear Honduran friends as well as to our favorite stores & restaurants!

Our visit to Honduras left us saddened, though, as we realized how very much the country has changed since our departure three years ago. The streets are simply not as safe, and violence has escalated to such a degree that in a March 22, 2011, article, the *Miami Herald* named Honduras as the "most violent country in the world." Please join us in prayer for the protection of our friends and the defeat of the enemy. May this Easter season bring a re-birth of Truth and Life in Honduras!



Honduran Bunnies



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