

The Barretts
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Prayer Update
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The month of November always turns my thoughts to thanks. We are exhorted in the Scriptures to give thanks for all things in all circumstances. Reflecting upon the past year there is much for us to be thankful for: continuing improvement in Spanish, growing relationships with our brothers and sisters here in Costa Rica, great progress in the functioning of the Seminary, and faithful pray-ers and givers in the U.S.

We are grateful for your faithfulness in praying for our health, our ministry, our safety, and our spiritual growth. I'd like to challenge you as the busy holiday time in the U.S. begins to add another aspect to your prayers for us and for the other missionaries you support. In reading a recent issue of Discipleship Journal I encountered a short article on praying for missionaries. The writer encouraged prayer for the families left behind in the States. At this time of year the separation from family is felt more acutely not only by the Barrett family in Costa Rica, but also by the Moll family in Michigan and the Miller family in Pennsylvania. The reality is that while our families are completely supportive of our mission work, it can be hard to be so far away without the physical interaction with your children and grandchildren, especially during holidays.

Would you pray during this time for our families that they may be comforted in our absence by the knowledge that we are in the loving hands of our Father accomplishing His will for our lives and for His work in this far-away land?

A couple of quick bullets on areas of praise:

- A growing mentorship between April and the Peniel S.S. Director.
- The growing student body and financial health of the Seminary under Patrick's guidance.
- Rachel and Lydia's growing command of Spanish and growing friendships.
- A cooperative team spirit between the national church leaders and the missionaries.

Prayer requests:

- For the raising up of new partners for the Country Shares budget of Costa Rica.
- For the Lord's guidance and provision (financially and in manpower) as the churches come into compliance with the new regulations of the Ministry of Health.
- For the churches currently considering sending a construction team.
- For a November 28 meeting with Immigration regarding our residency.
- For greater discernment of what the Father wants to do in Costa Rica through us.

Thank you for faithfully praying,
Patrick, April, Rachel, and Lydia

Committed to the Father's care, serving in Costa Rica

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