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Praises:

- A successful first conference for Sunday School teachers from all our FM churches.
- We are personally nearly fully funded for 2008! Your faithfulness in supporting us is a tremendous blessing.

Prayers:

- Follow-up and relationship-building among the Sunday School program directors.
- The securing of commitments to fund the Costa Rica Country Shares budget.
- Continuing prayers as the churches address new legal requirements for their physical buildings.
- Continuing prayers for the processing of our temporary residency papers.
- The matching of the right VISA team to the right work/ministry project .

Free Methodist World Missions
Costa Rica/Central America

Seasons Change...

In my (April) home state of Michigan, this is one of my favorite times of year. I love the colors of the leaves and the cooler weather.

It is one thing I miss here in the tropics. In honor of this season, my latest

power point for my Theology class featured an orange background laced with leaf outlines.

Ministry also has seasons of change. For us that means we are assuming some additional roles, mostly of an

administrative nature.

It also means our relationships are beginning to mature, allowing us more opportunity to be agents of change and growth.

THE YOSTS ARE COMING, THE YOSTS ARE COMING!!!

Brian and Laurie Yost are missionaries assigned to Nogales, Mexico since August 2006. We met them in 2005 during two weeks of Missionary Orientation. Language acquisition has been a challenge, and so they have decided to come to Costa Rica for eight

months to attend the same language school we attended. They are in the process of packing up and storing their belongings and will arrive here on January 1, 2008.

Please pray for them and their three children as they make all the necessary preparations and say their

good-byes to friends in Mexico for the time being. Pray that their time here will provide them with the language abilities they will need when they return to Mexico.

Lydia and Rachel



The Kids' Corner (in their own words)

The First National Sunday School Conference was a big hit! Everyone who attended loved it! We really enjoyed helping Kay organize everything! It was super fun to be able to spend time with Kay!

I (Rachel) really enjoyed learning some new stuff about teaching Sunday

School. Lydia also attended (even though she doesn't teach Sunday School) and was kept busy helping out.

We performed a skit during the workshops. It was a good teacher/bad teacher skit with Rachel as the teacher and Lydia as the student. Lydia

really stole the show, beaming at the good teacher's praise and drooping at the bad teacher's unkind words. Everyone really loved it! Hollywood, here we come!

So all in all, these were some of the funnest two days we've ever spent!

First National Sunday School Teachers' Conference



Kay Stotts and Superintendent Hiuberth directing the conference



Mayling Zapata leading the workshops on the psychology of the child

September 21st and 22nd heralded the first national conference for Sunday School teachers in the Free Methodist Church. Forty-five teachers representing nine Free Methodist churches met Friday night and all day Saturday at the Peniel church for encouragement and instruction in their ministry. For some it was the first time they had been in the same room with Free Methodists from other churches!

Mayling Zapata, daughter of the superintendent, led two workshops on the psychology of the child. Each church was presented with curriculum to further teach and learn on this topic.

Kay Stotts, missionary in Chile, was able to be with us and present four workshops on teaching methods. She had all the

participants up and active for a good portion of the day. Rachel and Lydia performed various skits to emphasize the “do’s and don’ts” of teaching children and made Mom and Dad proud of their talent and growing command of Spanish!

At the end of the nearly 14-hour day, participants left with a new-found treasure of ideas and methods. Each church as well was presented with a gift bag of craft items and curriculum helps. The feedback has been positive and enthusiastic!

All of this was possible because of a generous donation from the Ambassadors Adult Sunday School Class at the Spring Arbor Free Methodist Church. Their sacrificial giving is now reaching out to countless children and families

through encouraged and motivated teachers. Thank you so much Joe Kulaga and class for enabling us to hold this event!

On Sunday morning, Kay spent the morning with the children at Peniel. She had a missions focus, introducing them to her country of Chile.

After morning worship, we were able to take Kay up the mountain for a typical Costa Rican lunch and to see two waterfalls and dozens of hummingbirds! Thank you, Kay, for being with us and blessing us!



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Marlon leads the ladies in their presentation



Preparing the Puppet Presentation



Kay works with the small groups



Rachel and Lydia participating with their Kazoos



Friendship Flowers

