



BARRETT BROADCAST



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Praises:

- Visits from both April and Patrick's parents.
- A successful first VISA team from Memphis, Michigan—they built a security wall, donated money to renovate the electrical system, made plumbing repairs, and held a VBS at the Hatillo 2 Church.
- A successful Garage Sale for the Sunday School at Peniel—\$500 raised to purchase a TV/DVD player.
- Patrick's successful tour of the churches as he taught Introduction to Free Methodism.

Prayer Requests:

- Patrick's directing of the seminary and training one of the pastors as the next director.
- God's wisdom and leading as our 11 churches come into compliance with new legal requirements.
- Commitments to the Country Shares budget for Costa Rica.
- The continuing process of obtaining temporary residency status.
- The first district-wide Sunday School Teachers Conference with Missionary Kay Stotts, Sept. 21-22.

Free Methodist World Missions
Costa Rica/Central America

Into Our Second Year...

It hardly seems possible that we are well into our second year of life and ministry in Costa Rica. Our language skills have progressed—though there is still much for us to learn. We have a much better idea of our role and

are beginning to understand more of the needs of the people. Our home has begun to reflect a bit more of who we are—meaning a few more pictures on the walls and knick-knacks on the tables. Add a dog, a cat,

and a parrot and you have a house that is truly a home. The real sign that we are adjusted is that Patrick can drive just like one of the Ticos—but thankfully without any accidents to this point!

Ministry Highlights...

A large part of our role here is working with the Seminary. Patrick was elected to be the new Director and is looking to train one of our pastors during the next year to assume this position in October 2008.

Patrick is teaching Old

Testament II and April is teaching Systematic Theology II this semester. We are so thankful to have several new students this semester.

April has had a couple of opportunities to speak to the women at the San Rafael Church and was

able to join 13 women from the Roble church at an all-day Women's Conference in San Jose in August. She is also teaching the Youth Sunday School Class at Peniel and is the new writer of the Barrett Broadcast!

The Kids' Corner (in their own words)

In case you are unaware, in most Latin American countries the 15th birthday is celebrated like we celebrate the 16th. I (Rachel) thought that was pretty cool because I got to have my biggest party ever, a year earlier! The biggest birthday party I'd ever had was 5 girls. We

invited the youth group (30-35 kids) for a burrito buffet. Everyone had fun making their own burritos (especially since burritos aren't a common Tico food)! But the real star of the birthday show was the cupcakes! My birthday theme was the beach, so I baked ice cream cone

cupcakes. My guests were fascinated by the fact that you can bake in ice cream cones! All in all it was great. To quote one guest: "It was different, but not too different!"

Rachel and Lydia



The People We Know and Love...



April with her parents,
Howard and Gloria Moll



Patrick with his parents,
Ray and Harriet Miller

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As we enter our second year, we are entering as well into deeper relationships with our Tico brothers and sisters.

Oswaldo and Cindy are the Youth Director and Sunday School Superintendent at Peniel. They have embarked on the ministries with contagious enthusiasm and are eager to learn and grow as Christians and as leaders of our precious children.

Pastor Jorge of the Roble Church is the Assistant Director of the Seminary and has become near and dear to our hearts. He's also a great fan of April's banana bread!

Pastor Juan Carlos Cordoba left his secular job to move his young family to Cartago to pastor our church in that city. His passion and enthusiasm

to serve with very little financial resources and to study in the Seminary to be fully prepared are an inspiration. We are so thankful for a contribution of \$600 from a Sunday School class in Spring Arbor, Michigan that is providing much needed financial support for this new pastor.

Lyda is serving as secretary for the District, the Peniel church, the Seminary, and for our needs in ministry. She has become an invaluable partner in our ministry. She consistently goes above and beyond the call of duty. Please pray that she has the needed strength and stamina to complete all of her tasks.

Virginia and Danny are the best neighbors we could hope to have. They are always ready to help us out in an emergency—

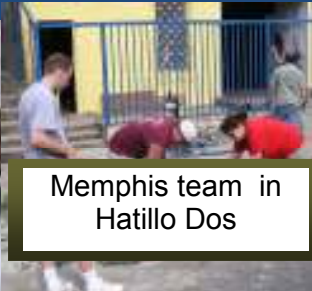
we've had various plumbing and electrical problems and Danny's come to the rescue! We are looking forward to being able to share more of our faith with them and see them come to know the Lord.

Relationships are everything! When all is said and done, if we've not connected with the people, we haven't accomplished much. We have learned that sometimes the best thing we can do is to stop what we're "doing" and talk with those around us.

Rosa



Rachel's 15th Birthday



Memphis team in
Hatillo Dos



Pastor
Juan
Carlos'
first
baptism
service in
Cartago at
a public
pool



VBS in Hatillo Dos

