
Prayer Update
January 24, 2007

A couple of quick bullets on areas of praise:

- A successful couples retreat for the pastors of our denomination. April and I enjoyed getting to know others better. Patrick did a presentation that was well received and was an encouragement to many.
- April is now part of the Seminary teaching staff. She will be teaching a class called Systematic Theology. Patrick will be doing 2 classes that are an overview of the Old Testament.

Prayer requests:

- Our director of the seminary resigned which gives us the responsibility to help until a new director is voted in.
- The church needs to be paying the government for Social Security coverage. There is an Extra Mile Project set up:

http://www.fmwm.org/countries/latin_america/costa_rica-projects.php

Pastor's Medical

Project #: WE556405

Amount: \$2,000

Helping pastors with medical expenses.

Please pray that individuals and churches give.

Dear Prayer Partners,

It is a great encouragement to know people are praying. It is great that you want more information so that you can pray specifically for certain areas of need.

Personally speaking, the greatest need is to have time to read the word and pray. We are so busy right now putting out fires and trying to plant new trees in places where there was damage from the fires that we find little time to refresh ourselves. Frankly our times of worship and hearing the word in Spanish are not very refreshing times for us. We have to find times to listen and read in English to be refreshed.

About those fires: Our community in Tilaran was seriously damaged by the adulterous actions of their pastor. We are still trying to regain a positive public image in the community.

Our church in Cartago is disillusion because a pastor ran up debts every where in the community and then left. Every one in the community expects the church to pay those debts and the church has very little money to pay them.

Both of these churches need pastors and we have none to offer.

There are more but that should be a good start for now.

The family is doing fine. The Rachel and Lydia find some days very challenging but overall value their time and experience here.

April and I are still trying to find friends here. There have been several country wide events that have helped to get to know other families. Pray that more connectional relationships happen between the different pastoral families.

I want to focus on my Spanish so that I can share the Gospel and answer questions more effectively. There always seems to be something more important to demand my attention. But I need to refocus on what is really important. It is a challenge sometimes prioritizing these things.

We are still trying to work through some legal issues with our residency papers.

We have great relationships with the pastors and the superintendent, praise that Lord.

I hope that it serves as a good overview of some of our needs for now.

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

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