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Christian Light Foundation Costa Rica
Evangelism and Discipleship
Together in the joy of the Lord

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Learning about culture

We had the opportunity to learn much about the culture of Costa Rica and about Latin America in general in March. Not only did we celebrate two birthdays in our family, but we also experienced *Semana Santa*, or Holy Week, as well as *Pascua* or Easter. Both Isabelle and Brooke celebrated birthdays. Brooke gladly took part in many Costa Rican birthday traditions such as the traditional cracking of eggs on the head, singing mariachis and birthday cake in the face! It was a fun week for our family and we were able to spend time together creating lasting memories! Costa Rica is a predominately Catholic country and during *Semana Santa* there is more emphasis on the death of Jesus than the Resurrection. Ethan and Brooke witnessed a parade on Good Friday in our neighborhood and it prompted several questions from Ethan about the Catholic faith. He wondered why people here focus so much on the death of Christ. He shared how his heart hurt that there is little celebration of Jesus' victory over death. We praise the Lord for the innocent and pure beliefs our oldest child has about Christ Jesus and

we praise Him that we serve a Risen Savior, Risen indeed!

Ministry of Mission Teams

We had the opportunity to lead our first team this month. The Lord used the people from Sharon Baptist Church in Tennessee in mighty ways in Tejarcillos. They held two specific outreaches where over 100 kids from two separate areas heard the gospel. Many came to know the Lord and just this week we saw the fruit from these two outreaches begin discipleship groups. We praise the Lord and ask him to allow this fruit to be long-lasting. We look forward to being able to serve in this capacity again soon. We also enjoyed a visit from our friend Cindy from New York. God used her powerfully in Los Guido, Tejarcillos and La Carpio. We thank the Lord for the blessings he gave the ministry and the team through both Sharon Baptist and Cindy.

La Carpio

The Lord has opened doors to a new area of ministry for CLF Costa Rica. Our family had the opportunity to spend a day in this very poor area in March. Please cover La Carpio in prayer and keep checking the website for information. Pray for safety and wisdom for the ministry team.

Looking Ahead

We look forward to being in the states in a few weeks. The Lord has provided many opportunities to share about the ministry with new churches and families. We praise Him for the ways he has already provided for our basic needs. Please pray for the financial needs and our safety on this trip, as we will be traveling a lot. Pray too that the Lord will be glorified in all we say and do.

Please pray for the ministry and the teams in these ways:

- The national pastors, their marriages and their families
- The Americans, their marriages and their families
- Pray against the attacks of the enemy
- For much, long-lasting fruit in Los Guido, Tejarcillos and La Carpio
- Pray for a team with united vision and passion

Please pray for the following for our family:

- Our financial support
- A vehicle for use in CR
- Home schooling
- Provisions for Spanish tutoring for our family
- Our commitment to put God first, family second and ministry third.

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La Carpio



Tejarillos





Sharon Baptist
Mission Team
Savannah, TN



The team spent 6 days ministering to the people of Tejarillos. God used this team to share the Gospel, minister to the family of Pastor Rogelio, minister to the women and teenage girls of the ministry team, as well as for the purpose of encouraging and providing for specific needs of our family. It was a blessing to serve with this team. We praise the Lord for the new friendships we have with our brothers and sisters from Savannah, TN!