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WOW! What a month! Once school started back up for our family, the month really flew by. The whole family has changes in classes this trimester— new teachers, new classrooms, the absence of some old friends and the presence of many new friends and a new schedule for three of us has made the adjustment back to school interesting. Praise the Lord we seem to have settled in to a new routine. Classes for Matt and Brooke have proven to not be any easier this trimester. In fact, the work load and expectations have probably doubled since last trimester. This is a good thing because we are learning so much so fast, but it does get quite interesting at times trying to balance life. Matt and Brooke have been participating more within the ministry Matt has been meeting with Pastor Rogelio each week, often times just the two of them. This has proven to be a great time of relationship building. Not only does it allow for them to grow their friendship, but it also allows for Matt a great opportunity for one-on-one language practice. Matt also has assisted with the youth group for kids ages 9-19 Saturday mornings

and also with the leadership meeting later in the afternoon. Brooke serves in the nursery during church in Tejarcillos and is also excited about being part of the 16-21 year old youth group for both Los Guido and Tejarcillos on Friday evenings. The kids spend time together playing games and then the girls and guys break into separate groups for a Bible study. It is a great time of study and sharing and a time for Brooke to hone her language skills. We continue to ponder the question of the balance between family, school and ministry. Please pray for our family as we continue on in school this trimester, evaluate what our roles are in ministry during school and most importantly, try to maintain a healthy balance for our family. Please also pray that we would seek the Lord at all times. Pray that God would not only bless us with the Spanish language, but as well, the boldness to speak the truth in love. Pray for our new roles in Tejarcillos. Pray for our marriage and our roles as husband, wife, father and mother. Pray for the violence, sexuality, abuse and things of the world that our children are exposed to every single day. Pray that their hearts would be guarded and that they would hide God's

word in their hearts.

January brought VBS for both ministry areas. We praise the Lord for the many that came to know the Lord this month and for those were baptized and those that are being discipled as a result of these efforts. Please pray for the discipleship groups that are being started back up this month. Also pray for the youth as they start a new school year. Pray, too, for the evil that exists in the lives of these youth. Please continue to pray for Pastors Rogelio and Marvin and their families as well as the North American team God has placed here.

We praise the Lord that in December our son Ethan made the decision to be baptized. What a joyous day this was. Please pray for our son as he begins his new life in Christ! Please look at the [ministry website, www.clfcostarica.com](http://www.clfcostarica.com) for pictures.

We thank you all for your love, prayers, letters, phone calls, financial support and friendship.

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"I can do everything through him who gives me strength." Philippians 4:13

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This is a picture of Ethan and Isabelle's Sunday school class and La Clase Cuna (the nursery) which is Audrey's class in Tejarillos. Every week I serve in the nursery and I enjoy this time with these children.



Ethan after being baptized by Pastor Rogelio. Marvin and Matt were with them as well.



Our family was given the gift of being able to house sit for friends in December in a city near the Pacific coast of Costa Rica. The Price family and the Díaz family were able to go with us. It was a very memorable weekend!



The youth groups in both areas are divided into teams for the game time of the meeting—Los Búfalos (blue in Tejarillos, green in Los Guido) and Las Águilas (red in both areas). Our family has been búfalos since we arrived in Costa Rica, however recently Audrey has decided that she is an águila (with a little help from Melinda...). Here is our family, slightly divided, with four búfalos and one águila!

