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*And the Lord said to Joshua, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9*

This is such a very familiar passage of scripture. We have found comfort in these holy words many times in life and at many different points where the path of life seemed to be heading in a new direction. Once again, we find strength in these ancient, holy words.

Recently, Pastor Rogelio, Pastor Marvin and Mark met and agreed, after much prayer that Marvin would serve in Los Guido and Rogelio would serve in Tejarcillos. Mark, at this same time, felt the Lord leading him to focus his time in Los Guido as well. Our God is so all-knowing and amazing to work in the hearts of these men at the exact same time and with the same purpose. When we learned of this news, we began searching for what this meant for our family. At the same time, / / "v in the way that only God can do, He was leading our family to serve in Tejarcillos. What a blessed time we shared with Marvin,

and Mark as we shared the way the Lord had worked in our hearts. There are so many ways God has affirmed this decision- there really is no way we can deny that this is from the Lord! All four families, at the same time, were praying for the family that would have a heart for Tejarcillos and serve with Rogelio and Neris.

So, what does this mean? Well, first and foremost it means we need you to pray specifically for Tejarcillos - every day if you feel so lead. Please pray for Rogelio and Neris and their four children: Roger, Lesvia, Elvis and Daniel. Pray for the youth leadership team- for these kids the church is the only place in their lives that is safe, secure and where they are loved. For these youth- knowing Jesus Christ is the only reason they live. Some have lives where there is not one safe, happy, speck of light except Jesus Christ and the family they have in the local body of believers. We ask you to fall on your knees for these children- please kneel before the throne of our Lord and ask the Lord to bless the lives of these

young people. Pray for their families to come into the light of Christ. Pray for the Holy Spirit to be present in this dark, dark place that is bound in the chains of evil. Pray that God would bind the enemy and that his light would shine through these youth. Pray that this very spiritually and physically young church would become strong and be used as a fortress of refuge for those in very real danger and that this very new pastor would be used by the Lord to bring the fragrance of life to the thousands who live in eternal condemnation- separated from eternal life with Christ Jesus. Pray for our family as we seek wisdom and guidance from the Lord. Pray that He would open our eyes to the needs that exist that He can fill by using us and our lives. Pray that those that we minister to would look at us and see Christ, not Matt and Brooke. Pray for the ways God will work through our children. It is very true that the poverty, violence, drug use and evil we see in this area is beyond anything we could ever imagine. But more than all those things, is the TRUTH of scripture that rings louder than any sound that comes

from the darkness that exists in the city of Tejarcillos. The need for prayer is very real. But the TRUTH of scripture is that our story from start to finish has already been written by the greatest Author ever.

We appreciate all of the cards and care packages we received last month. We thank you all for your prayers. Our first Christmas in Costa Rica was full of new traditions and memories. We spent Christmas Eve at La Finca. It was one of the most memorable days we have had filled with love and fellowship. P l e a s e c h e c k [www.clfcostarica.com](http://www.clfcostarica.com) for pictures. We pray you enjoyed a Christ-centered holiday this year.

*"For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline."  
2 Timothy 1:7*

As a team, we will be studying 2 Timothy throughout the next year. Pray with us that we will gain insight and be encouraged individually and as a team.

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We enjoyed visiting with Chelsie while she was serving here the week before Christmas. The Lord has given her a heart for Costa Rica at a very young age. Please pray for her and the plans the Lord has for her life.



We enjoyed time with Alex on Christmas morning before he left for the states. Alex is a blessing to the ministry here in Costa Rica and also to our family. Please pray for his time in the states with family and for the Lord's plans for

### Christmas Eve 2007

Christmas Eve was a wonderful day for our family. It is tradition in Costa Rica to celebrate Christ's birth with family late in the night on Christmas eve, commencing with a traditional meal of tamales. Making tamales is a day long event. Joanie and I were invited to help prepare tamales for the evening meal. It was a lot of work, but oh so worth it! All day long the Finca was filled with kids and adults, working, playing and enjoying fellowship with each other. Everyone took part in the preparation in some way and it was such a memorable day for all of us. We gathered together about 8:30 in the evening. Mark shared a powerful message from 2 Timothy, we sang Christmas carols and, of course, we ate tamales! They were delicious!



The mixing process takes many strong hands and a lot of time. We made over 200 tamales!



The tamales are assembled and wrapped in banana leaves and then cooked in a fire pit for many hours.



Many games of soccer and volleyball were played by both young and young at heart! The fun continued into the night with fellowship from folks of all ages! This day was so much fun and one we will remember for

