



# Christian Light Foundation Costa Rica

Evangelism and Discipleship  
Together in the joy of the Lord

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“Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.” Ephesians 4:2

Many times, we’ve been asked questions about certain situations in ministry, discipleship groups and other situations we might encounter on the field by folks on missions teams or from supporting churches. Until recently, we hadn’t really had enough experience to effectively answer. Truth be told, we have very few answers even now after 6 full months of ministry. If there is one thing we are sure of, God is allowing us to be humbled almost daily through experiences and opportunities in which we literally have no idea what to do. Our strength can only come from Him and we continually have to rely on Him for guidance and wisdom. It truly is through Christ that we can do all things, because it surely is not through our own strength or might. Even so, we’d like to share a story in response to a frequently asked question.



**“Why is it necessary to be strict with attendance with kids in the discipleship groups? What is the big deal if they come without their lesson completed or without their verse memorized?”** What we have learned in our short time as discipleship group leaders is that one thing is certain. The kids we work with are absolutely craving love from people who genuinely care for them. Most live without rules of any kind and with little or no supervision. The easy thing to do is accept the enemy’s lie that we should be happy they are showing interest in things of the church and allow them to be a part of a discipleship group even if they come without the lesson done or without the verses memorized. We have seen firsthand what belief in that lie produces– nothing. We have also seen firsthand what loving them enough to make them stick to completing two simple tasks, the task of completing the lesson and memorizing the verses as well as simply coming every week to their group, can produce. By doing this, we see disciples being produced, who in turn produce disciples. Jesus says in John 15:8, *“This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit showing, yourselves to be my disciples.”* How will we ever glorify our Father in heaven if we are not bearing fruit and how can we bear fruit if we are not making disciples? Recently, Brooke had her Saturday afternoon girls put her to the test. After learning that two of the girls had copied their lessons, Brooke made the tough decision to end the group. The girls desperately wanted to continue and so an agreement was made to begin again. They had one week to redo their lessons. It was a long week as she contemplated if she had done the right thing or not. She had a very tough conversation with them before agreeing to restart the group. Ultimately, the girls came the following Saturday with their lesson completed and verses memorized. They have begun attending church and have so many questions about faith. We have seen God honor our commitment to glorify Him by making true disciples here in Costa Rica. Please pray that God will guide our every decision and that we will bear much fruit.



Please pray this month for:

- our family’s homeschool
- the health of many in the ministry as well as our continued good health
- continued flexibility living in a third world country
- the discipleship groups to produce disciples who go on to produce disciples
- communication between our team and that God be glorified through us
- our marriage: that we would truly learn the meaning of Ephesians 4:2

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