



Christian Light Foundation Costa Rica

Evangelism and Discipleship
Together in the joy of the Lord

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Greetings from the province of Guanacaste Costa Rica! The McClain's are now official members of the little barrio (neighborhood) called Villareal. On October 27th, we loaded up the moving truck, walked around our neighborhood and said our good-byes and headed out for the 6 hour trip to the northwest coast of the country. That night, we all were feeling the heat of what a move like this means, quite literally. This area is quite a bit more hot and humid than the city. It is much more rural and the terrain is very rugged. We live on an uneven, rutted dirt road that quickly turns muddy with the slightest shower. Life is very different here than in the city. Despite the lack of modern conveniences the city provides (ie: paved roads, public transportation, and hot water) living in a rural area provides great opportunities for our children that are true blessings from the Lord like a yard to play in, a neighborhood full of children to play with and minister to as well as daily adventures in this beautiful amazing world God created for us to explore and learn from. Homeschooling just got a lot more interesting! There are interesting little critters and insects everywhere we look. Some things to be careful of like the really disgusting botfly (look it up— it is gross!) and mosquitoes and some really cool things like the geckos that inhabit our ceiling every night and eat all the bugs and the howler monkeys that hang around in the trees.

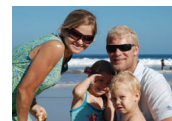
We praise God for daily confirmation that we are in His will. We anticipated a lot of cleaning and painting in the house before we could get settled or begin unpacking. We arrived Tuesday afternoon and the landlords had spent the day cleaning and painting and fixing things up. What a blessing! The owners of our house live right next door and other family live behind us. Members of the family took care of getting the phone and cable hooked up (the internet runs through the cable here) and also take care of cutting the grass and all repairs. It is often the case here that property owners are very hands off – the renter is responsible for taking care of all the repairs and things like that. God has blessed us with a home that has been well cared for and owners who care about keeping their renters happy. Above and beyond God's providence in a home and good landlords, He has blessed us with the privilege of serving with two God-fearing pastors. God made clear to us in the first Sunday here that we will not only be making disciples here in Villareal, but we'll be challenged in our own relationships with Christ as well. Pastor Nelson and Pastor Phil ("Felipe") are both godly men who speak clearly from the Word of God. We were greatly encouraged in both worship services and our kids love their new churches. We received the message from Jonah that God calls each of us to a specific purpose and we are to be obedient to that call. The call to share the gospel is not given just to pastors or missionaries, but to each one of us. And God, in His mercy, forms a covenant with us, just like He did with Abraham in Genesis 15. God requires nothing from us to fulfill His promises other than that we believe. He desires to use us to further His kingdom, but He does not need us. Jesus Christ did the work for us on the cross at Calvary and God desires to use His humble servants to bring His righteousness to the broken world. Praise God with us for the eagerness these two pastors have to make disciples in Villareal.

Please pray with us this month:

- for Pastor Nelson and the First Baptist Church
- for Pastor Phil and Calvary Chapel Church
- for Alvaro, Elvita and Marcos, Ana, Ronnie and Dinora, Alberto and Luis Angel (our landlords and their family)
- Ethan as he ministers to his new friends: Alberto, Kevin and Alex
- the city of Villareal to be won for Jesus Christ
- for our family as we travel to renew our visas this month. We'll be traveling separately for the first time.
- for a vehicle for our family.
- for Matt as he begins discipleship in both churches and as he pursues new contacts God has provided since moving here



Pastor Nelson and family



Pastor Phil and family

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"Not to us, o Lord, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness." Psm 115:1

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