

The Bickel Family

Church Planting in Costa Rica

April 2010

Our Two Year Anniversary in Cartago



Praise God For Anniversaries! On April 18th we celebrated our two year anniversary of the church in Cartago. Praise God for the growth we have seen in this church and most importantly in the lives of the people represented! God has been so good to us and we are thrilled that He is doing a great work in this city! On April 24th we celebrated our fourth anniversary of the day we left the United States to come to Costa Rica! What blessings we have seen over these past years! Four years ago we started on what seemed like a long journey of learning the language and adapting to life here; however with God's help we learned not only the language but also the culture! Since then, by the grace of God, we have seen many souls saved, lives changed, taught in Bible institutes, helped with children's homes, taught English Bible studies, served in two churches and now we have started yet another church from scratch, in an area we were told it could not be done. In our power it couldn't but, thankfully, in God's power it can!



Procession in our neighborhood.

April Is Always An Interesting Month In Cartago!

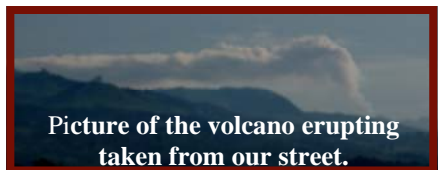
The month is filled with religious ceremonies and processions. We live at the end of a dead end, dirt road but yet many neighbors put tables with crosses out in front of their houses. Our neighborhood even held their own procession. Please pray for us as we witness to those living right next door.

Please Keep Us In Your Prayers!

We cannot begin to tell you how much we appreciate your prayers. Please continue to pray for our health and safety. For the last few months a volcano here in the Cartago providence has been very active. We have not gotten a lot of the toxic fumes or ash but on some days Lauri and Daniel's asthma is noticeably worse. Also, just last week our rock retention wall literally burst. This caused a landslide behind our house where our children normally play. Praise God that no one was there at the time and everyone is alright. The dirt and rocks have been dug up to put in a new wall. At the deepest point we had to dig away over six feet of clay and rock. A wall is being rebuilt but we know it is God's protection that is caring for us. We have no doubt that this is a direct reflection of your prayers! Thank you so very much!!



Landslide in our backyard.



Picture of the volcano erupting taken from our street.

Your servant in Costa Rica,


Ryan Bickel

Prayer Requests:

- * Souls Saved
- * Church Growth in Cartago
- * Children's Home Ministries
- * A Larger Vehicle
- * Sunday School

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