



The Dove Family

Reaching the Latin World for Christ in
Costa Rica

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Dear Pastor and Co-laborer in Christ,

This was the first Christmas in several years we were able to be here in the states. We had a great time with our family on Christmas day! Thank you for the Christmas cards and Christmas offerings. They were such a blessing and an encouragement to us.

Health Update: My open-heart surgery was January 10th in Washington, DC. The day before the surgery we met with the surgeon, and he went through all of the situations and risks involved. One of the risks in my particular case was that sometimes the heart beat becomes irregular and a pace maker would be needed. The day of the surgery the Lord gave me and my family great peace. The surgery went very well. They were able to patch the hole (a much larger hole than they had anticipated) in the upper right chamber of my heart. Praise God, the pacemaker was not needed. They have done echoes on me since the surgery, and they believe the hole is 100% sealed. It will be necessary for me to have this checked once a year for the rest of my life to make sure the hole does not begin to leak. We are praising the Lord for His goodness and very thankful for your prayers. Even though the surgery went well, I must wait eight weeks from January 10th, to start cardiac rehab. This will start sometime in March.

Have you ever noticed that just when we need it, God seems to send us what we need to encourage us to continue on? As you know, we ministered in North Carolina for seven years among the Latinos before going to Costa Rica. One day on visitation, we knocked on the door of a family from Mexico. We had the opportunity to talk to a young teenager named Eliel. We set up a time to meet him at a local restaurant where I was able to lead him to the Lord. Eliel, at that time was fourteen years old. I still remember that day like it was yesterday. Later on, my wife had the privilege of leading his sister, Lizbeth, to the Lord. His parents also received Christ as their Saviour. This family started to grow. Eliel was called to preach in a mission' conferences that I had the privilege of preaching. Fast forward to today. About two weeks ago, we had a call from Eliel. He had recently married a fine Christian lady. He and his new wife were on their way back to New Jersey and wanted to stop by and see us. They are living in New Jersey where Eliel is attending Bible College. They are working in a brand new Hispanic ministry which Eliel will be taking over in March. We are very proud of our "son in the faith," and we are behind him 100%. This young man and this new ministry is fruit to your account.

Since my wife and I know the needs of a new ministry, we want to be an encouragement to Eliel and Stephanie as they begin their ministry in New Jersey. There are many things they will need to start this work since they are starting from "scratch." We have personally committed to help them get Bibles and hymnbooks. Would you pray about helping us with these items as well as the many other items they will need? Their sending church, the church we started in North Carolina (Iglesia Bautista Vida Abundante), is planning to help them also. They will also be supporting them on a monthly basis. Would you be able to help with a *onetime gift* to help get this work started?

With my health slowly improving, we are starting to get back out with local meetings and will be in two missions' conferences in the next few months. Please pray that the Lord would give me the strength as we try to start these local meetings. Thank you and Lord bless you!

Your missionaries to Costa Rica,

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Eliel getting
baptized several
years ago



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