

# OUR FATHER'S PERSISTENT LOVE MINISTRIES, INC.

MINISTRY UPDATE

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***"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation: the old has gone, the new has come.  
2 Cor. 5:17***

It's just a little over a month until I depart for Costa Rica. I am extremely excited about this opportunity that the Lord has opened up for me to study Spanish. I still have so many things to take care of before leaving. I look forward to keeping you updated on my busy schedule while there in language school. Without a doubt I will be needing plenty of encouragement and prayer. As far as I know my e-mail address will remain the same. It will be very costly to use my cell phone, so I believe that e-mail will be the best way for us to stay in touch. My trip dates are August 24th – December 13<sup>th</sup>.

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## Costa Rica

The capital, San Jose is located 3,500 feet above sea level. Temp's range from the high 60's in the morning to high 80's in early afternoon. There are two seasons: rainy (May-November) and dry (December - April). The heaviest rains are in September and October. Even during rainy season most mornings are bright and sunny with rain in the afternoon.

My snail mail address there:

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(They suggest no care packages as it's very expensive.)

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## **NANC Training in NJ!**



**The weekend warriors!**

The Biblical Counseling training that I have been taking over the last 8 years offered an On-The-Road training session this spring in Sewell, NJ. There was a total of 9 of us that attended for the three weekends of training. I believe that all were blessed beyond measure and are still talking about the impact it had on our lives. Many are already talking about returning next year or possibly attending the February training in Indiana. It was so nice not having to travel so far this time and to be able to meet more local people who have the same vision in ministry. This training has helped me so much in my own life personally in addition to coming along side those who are hurting in the jails.

## **An answered prayer...**

I'm excited to share with you a wonderful testimony of God's love and grace. Philip Reardon, one of our inmates out at Rahway State Prison, has been praying for his mom's salvation for many years. She received the Lord last year but it has been on Philip's heart to have her follow in believer's baptism. We are blessed to report that Pastor Larry, the Chaplain at Rahway State Prison, agreed to baptize her. Is that cool or what? It was a great joy to Philip to have his own Pastor able to baptize his mom. It was a beautiful day and I was blessed to be able to witness this mighty answer of prayer after so many years.



**Philip's Mom and Pastor Larry!**

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

- ◆ Please pray for safe travel to Costa Rica with no delays. I'm due to arrive one day before classes begin. Pray my luggage arrives with me. Ha!!
- ◆ Pray that the Lord allows me to pick up the language quickly. It's been quite a few years since I was in school.
- ◆ Pray that I will be a blessing to the Costa Rican people. Pray for opportunities to share Christ wherever I go.
- ◆ Pray that the Lord would open up doors for some prison ministry while there. The prisons will be a lot different than what I'm used to.
- ◆ Pray that OFPLM will continue to run smoothly without any major problems in my absence.
- ◆ Pray that I stay healthy and safe. I will be walking to school each morning and to most places. Yeah!! No driving!
- ◆ Pray for Susan as she will be "holding down the fort" in my absence.

We'd love your feedback.

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**A visit from Texas**

In photo (from left to right):  
 Carlos' Dad Julio, his young daughters Veronica & Jessica in front (Carlos' step sisters), Carlos' cousin Maggie and Aunt Elvira from Texas, and Carlos' stepmother Nudia.

Many of you remember the trip I took out to Houston, Texas a couple of years ago to try and find Carlos' mom that he hadn't seen or heard from in over 20 plus years. She had left him as a young child and up till now has had no communication with him in addition to being an alcoholic. Now that he is incarcerated, it makes it even more difficult. While out in Texas I met one of his Aunt's who is a believer that we never knew about. Just recently the wheels started turning and we thought what a blessing it would be for Carlos to have her fly out to NJ for a visit. The details were all worked out and everything came together beautifully. The reunion was mighty to behold. There were long hugs and many tears during the visit. We are now praying for the rest of Carlos' family that one day they will all be apart of the family of Christ, especially his mom.

**Two "Trophies of Grace" give back!**

I recently had a new kitchen floor put in at my condo. Two of the men that did the work were two of my Dad's latest "Trophies of Grace". They are both believers in Jesus whose lives have been miraculously transformed. They did an excellent job and I would highly recommend them to anybody who needs any home repairs or remodeling done. I can't tell you how thrilled I am with the work that they did. My toilet that had been broken for a number of years was fixed in less then five minutes flat!! Wow!! A most gracious and humble thanks goes out to Bob and Billy. Keep up the great work guys!



Bob and Billy!

**Another baptism...**

Shelly, one of our ladies that we disciplined in Freehold County Jail, was recently baptized in Connecticut. She is attending Calvary Fellowship in Southbury, CT. I was blessed to be able to celebrate the special day with her.