

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, and the new has come."
2 Cor. 5:17*

Angel Tree

We need your help!! Our annual Angel Tree Project will be in full swing as soon as I hit U.S. soil. Ha!! We are always so blessed by the amount of people that participate each Christmas. I normally receive about 100 requests for gifts each year. We are in need of as many people as possible to help out with this effort. If you or your church is willing to come along side OFPLM this year in helping out with this effort, please let me know by email ASAP and how many kids you would like to sponsor. The suggested dollar amount per child is \$25.00 - \$30.00. Delivering is always optional, but a wonder experience. Please consider making a difference in a child's life whose father is behind bars!! Muchas Gracias!!

Praise/Prayer Requests

* For safe travel home on August 24th and saying goodbye to so many that I have grown to love so dearly.

* That God would use the Spanish that I have struggled so hard to learn in a great and mighty way.

* Please pray for the "Delaney House" ministry that was just recently started. It's an immigration holding place in Newark, NJ for ladies waiting for deportation after prison. Mostly Spanish!

* I want to thank you all personally for praying and supporting me through my 8 months in Costa Rica. The Lord taught me so many things and I look forward to sharing them with you when I get home.

La Reforma

While studying Spanish in Costa Rica, the Lord gave me the unique privilege to work in the prisons. Late April Al Terhune from Takit2 the streets ministry led a team of guys here for ten days to share the love of Jesus in as many prisons as possible. Raul, who served 18 years behind bars, is presently leading one of the ministries here. What a huge blessing!! The 40 men in the maximum security unit really look to him each week. We were able to spend 6 hours in La Reforma handing out tracks, bibles, and sharing the Word of God. Most of these guys are serving long sentences. Please keep Raul and the ministry here in your prayers!



Mission team with Raul (far right)

Saying Goodbye

One of the hardest things I will have to do before leaving Costa Rica is saying goodbye to my church family at Calvary Chapel San Pedro. The people are so precious and I will miss them tremendously. I have grown to love this church and the way they have loved me in my time here. I have had the awesome privilege of coming along side a few of the ladies in the church during my time here. Each Friday Cindy and her sister Katherine meet me in "Book Café" near the church. (similar to a Starbucks, but Christian) We are going through a 14 week discipleship book



Katherine, Debbie, Cindy at Book Cafe

learning the basics of Christianity. It's been a great time of growing for me too. It has been a huge help with my Spanish!!



Brave hikers: Debbie with Sally and Christine

Costa Rica Beauty

The natural beauty in Costa Rica is hard to describe. As students in the Spanish Language Institute, we have opportunities to go on trips on the weekends. I haven't had a chance to do many, but was able to hike to what is called, "The Three Crosses". There is a heartbreaking story behind the crosses and the reason they were built. The hike was extremely challenging and just about killed me. Ha!! Rainy season made it almost impossible to return without being covered in mud. I did make it to the top but not without almost dislocating my shoulder and being struck by lightning. Ha!! It will be an adventure that I will not soon forget, but praise the Lord for His protection and the stamina to finish!

A True Miracle

"Hogar Crea" is a women's refuge house here in C. R. for those who are struggling with life consuming habits. About 13 of the ladies were invited to attend our ladies retreat from church. What a blessing it was to meet them and hear some of their stories. Olivia had just joined the home. She had been living on the streets for many years. I started to pray for her and found out that she is still there and doing well. This is a true miracle!! Praying that the Lord will get ahold of her life and radically change her for Jesus.



Olivia (left) from "Hogar Crea" refuge home



Active Volcano "Poas"



Beautiful Toucan