

The Bickel Family

Church Planting in Costa Rica

Prayer Requests:

- * Souls Saved
- * Church Growth in Cartago
- * Children's Home Ministries
- * 15 Passenger Van... Our Vehicle is nearly dead and cannot pass inspection.... Please pray !!

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Playing violin for the offertory

Praise God for Involvement in the Church!

Our foster daughter Esther from Costa Rica is doing quite well playing the violin. She has recently started accompanying Deborah on some offertory hymns! We also have had several church member get involved in handing out tracts, witnessing and inviting people to church!



Handing out tracts

August 2nd is the Annual Pilgrimage for the "Virgin of Los Angeles"!

This year over two million people walked to the basilica to honor the "virgin". Over half the people in the entire country were in our town during this weekend. Our church passed out over 1500 tracts in about an hour but could have passed out millions if we had had help. We are praying that a group would come next year and help us. What a great opportunity to get the gospel out to half of the entire country in a two day time period! It is really sad that so many believe that this will get them to Heaven and their prayers heard. Our church is only 300 meters from this center of Catholicism for the country. Please pray for us as we continue reaching this very religious area.



People waiting to crawl down the isle in the Catholic church



Crowds gathered outside

This Past Month Our Family Had the Chance to Help 2 New Children.

We were able to care for two Indian boys from the mountains: Michael age 4 and Edwin age 2. Their mother is 22 and dying of cancer. They were only with us 4 days but what a burden we have for their mother. She only speaks the Nave Indian language and will be in our local hospital until she passes away. Please pray for an opportunity to give her the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



Edwin & Michael

The Work Goes On In Cartago!

We realize that this year has been very difficult financially for everybody. This year we have lost several supporting churches and many have cut their amount of support in half. In addition, since November, the dollar has lost over 13% of its value. The net result is that **we have lost 20% of our support this year**. To ensure that the work goes on without fail we have cut our budget in **EVERY** area to accommodate this lower level of support and exchange. We had to give up the larger storefront on the main street but we kept our original location in the back of the complex. Surprisingly enough, everyone likes it better. Attendance is up and even though they are "double parked" the people say it is "más bonito". I have been working really hard on several families that had become unfaithful and they too have started to return. We really appreciate all the sacrifices and expenses that our supporting churches have made over the past years and we intend to stick it out in the lean times as well as in abundance.

Your servant in Costa Rica,

Ryan Bickel