

The Bickel Family Church Planting Missionaries in

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Looking back at 2007

Praise the Lord for His blessings in 2007! A lot of things have happened this year. I finished my language studies, preached my first sermon in Spanish and won my first soul completely in Spanish. The Lord allowed us to take on the work in Heredia along with Habacuc and Manuel. Then, in September, we started the Bible Institute. Now we are going full tilt: working in two churches, preaching/teaching and soul winning every week.



Jr. Church in Heredia



New Auditorium

Praise God for growth in Heredia! The storefront next to ours came available a few months ago. The owner had been showing it to other people but no one wanted to rent it. The whole time we had been praying that the Lord would allow us to have it. As of November 10th we now are using that location as our auditorium. We have 50 chairs in there...please pray that the Lord will fill them up!

Looking forward to 2008

Praise the Lord for new opportunities! Lord willing, in January we will start knocking doors in the city of Cartago. We hope to be able to start a **new work** in this very religious area. Cartago is home of the Basilica of the 'virgin of los ángeles' which is pictured here. Please pray with us as we look for a storefront or building to rent, print tracts and purchase chairs in preparation for this new work.



Photo by Chuck Wojack Jr.

Please pray for a new hope! "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in



Architect's Drawing
of Children's Home

their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." - James 1:27. There are approximately 3000 children abandoned in Costa Rica every year. 600 of those were found, just this last year, living on the street in our area. Most of these children will grow up in state run institutions. Along with the church in Guadalupe, the Lord has opened a door for us to be a part of starting a children's home. We will be able to give these children an opportunity to grow up in a Christian home and not an institution. Please pray for the Lord's provision in acquiring the property beside the church and the construction of 'Albergue Una Nueva Esperanza' (Refuge of new hope).

Your Servant in Costa Rica,



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Prayer Requests:

- Souls Saved!
- Growth in Heredia.
- New opportunity in Cartago.
- Bible Institute.
- Children's Home
- Continued recovery of Lauri's Mom.
- Our immigration status (visa).

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...Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel... Mark 16:15