

# The Bickel Family Church Planting Missionaries in



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*Looking back on the previous year!* Praise God for His perfect timing. We were only at 35% support when God laid a date on my heart to leave for the field. When I hit 50% I put that date in our prayer letter. God allowed us to leave on that exact date! We no sooner got here and applied for our residency (visa) and the government decided to no longer allow that type of residency. However, we were already "in application" so the new rule does not apply to us! We are so thankful we came on the date God had for us and not in our own timing! After arriving in Costa Rica I began language school. This normally takes a full year and often additional tutoring is needed afterwards. I am humbled by the fact that by God's grace I graduated from the regular course of language school after only seven months! I will begin advanced grammar studies this month! I will be doing this two hours each morning. Again God's perfect timing is evident as He is showing other things that He has for us to do!



**Graduation Day!**

### Prayer Requests:

- Please pray we will not only learn the language but also the culture!
- Promised support to come in soon.
- Upcoming ministry opportunities!
- \$2,000 for a vehicle.
- Souls Saved!

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*Upcoming opportunities!* We are thrilled to be working with a wonderful independent Baptist church in Guadalupe, Costa Rica! This church is excited about serving God! They are excited about winning souls and seeing more churches started in Costa Rica! In recent days three very young churches have ask for help. One of which I mentioned last month. Even though I am still in language training God is already allowing opportunities to help establish other churches! By graduating early God has allowed me the time to help with the planting and growth of these churches in need. Again, a very clear picture of His perfect timing! I will be doing this in conjunction with other godly men from the church.

*Praise God for new supporting churches!* In the past two months we have had two new churches pick us up! As ministry responsibilities increase the need to be at full support also increases. We are currently at 92% coming in plus an additional 5% promised!

*Glory to God for His provision.* Last month I expressed our need for a vehicle. Praise God that some of the money has already come in! We also had a missionary in a different country email us that he is sending \$500. How humbling it is that a fellow missionary would be willing to help with this. I pray that God would lay it on the hearts of others and that we will soon have a vehicle with which to serve Him.

*Thank you!* We appreciate your faithful prayers and support! We also appreciate the Christmas and birthday money sent this past month. We thoroughly enjoyed our first Christmas on the field and we are grateful for the part you had in it!

Your Servant in Costa Rica,

Ryan Bickel



**Singing a solo in Spanish!**

Jan Feb Mar April May June July Aug Sept Oct Nov Dec 2006



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