

The Bickel Family

Church Planting in Costa Rica

Prayer Requests:

- * Souls Saved
- * Church Growth in Cartago
- * Children's Home Ministries
- * 15 Passenger Van
- * Sunday School

Teachers

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Jimmy Preaching

Praise God For New Opportunities!

Jimmy Sanchez grew up in the Lighthouse Children's Home here in Costa Rica. When he graduated from high school he attended Bible College in the States. Just a few weeks ago, after graduation, he returned to Costa Rica. The day after he got back I invited him to preach for us on a Sunday evening. Of course, he brought the whole family along to here him preach. Jimmy has the desire to work in their children's home in Mississippi but while he is waiting for his visa he will be helping us out here in Cartago.

We Started Something New!

On months, like May, that have five Sundays we have started having a special activity on the 5th Sunday. We start an hour early and I encourage people in the church to sing and give testimonies during this time. The first 5th Sunday I had no takers. But this last month several families, including ours, sang and we even had a few testimonies. Since this was the Sunday Jimmy was preaching Sally introduced the newest "baby" at the children's home and he gave his testimony as well.



Testimony of "baby"



Our Family Singing

Please Pray for a Van.

For several months we have had a prayer request of a larger vehicle not only for our family (currently there are 9 of us) but for the church as well. Last year we skipped rainy season and it hardly rained at all. But, it seems this year is trying to make up for all that we missed in 2009. Only one family in the church has a car and the rest have to walk. Having a 12 to 15 passenger van would be invaluable in getting the older members and families with small children to church.

A Few Changes to Our Prayer Letter.

We have struggled since the beginning of the year with how we will be sending out prayer letters. Postage has risen over 300% and the dollar has dropped significantly. We have, so far this year, only emailed prayer letters. But, thanks to a suggestion from a missionary friend in Ecuador, now we will be sending out our prayer letter to our supporting churches using a mailing service in the US. On the envelope you will see the return address of our sending church but our mailing address is still the same here in Costa Rica. If you represent a church (pastor, church secretary, missions coordinator) and would like to receive our prayer letter and updates by email; please respond to our email address and we will gladly add you to our blind distribution list.



Umaña Family Singing

Your servant in Costa Rica,



Ryan Bickel