

# The Bickel Family

## Ryan, Lauri, Deborah, Rebeca, Esther & Daniel Church Planting in Costa Rica

### Prayer Requests:

- \* Souls Saved
- \* Church Growth
- \* New Vehicle
- \* More Church Space
- \* Visa Renewal - My papers are now in for a "permanent" visa. I am still waiting for one last approval.

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**Big Day!** Praise God for the opportunity to pass out well over 2,000 tracts in two weekends. The last week of January and the first week of February we spent inviting people to a special day! The second Saturday we had guests from two other churches come to help us! On the big day we were blessed to have Bro. Larry Neff preach and do chalk art! After the service everyone pitched in to help with a meal that had been prepared for those in attendance. There were 81 people present and next week 107 people came. We saw several people saved as a result of this outreach as well as new faces in the church. The blessings started even before the special service. The first Thursday night after passing out invitations a man name Elvis came to visit the church. He came early so I was able to talk with him before the service. I asked him if he had ever trusted Christ as his Savior and he said **that's why I'm here. I need Christ.** People were arriving and it was time to start so I asked Elvis to please wait on me after the service so we could talk more. He stayed in his chair when the service ended... without even moving he just waited to receive the best news of his life. That night Elvis trusted Christ as his Savior and has been coming back to church for most of the services!



**New Opportunities!** Deborah had the opportunity to translate for the very first time! She translated the testimony of a dear lady from English into Spanish during our fifth Sunday night service.

**Pray for more space!** The Lord allowed us to rent a small office in our complex to use for children's Sunday School and Junior Church. This, however, is only a temporary solution. We also were able to start a teen Sunday School class that meets on the children's home bus. We are thankful for a young man named Jonathan that is teaching the youth Sunday School class. Jonathan is 23 years old and is the same age I was when I began working with teenagers. Jonathan is a good example for the teens and has a desire to serve God!

**Please pray for a new vehicle!** We have had ongoing car problems for quite some time. Praise the Lord we were able to pass the annual inspection in February! However, the mechanic who fixed the car advised us to sell the vehicle before the next inspection is due. Parts for our car are no longer available in Costa Rica and he also doubts that it will be able to pass future inspections.

Your servant in Costa Rica,

Ryan Bickel