

# The Bickel Family Church Planting Missionaries in

Ryan, Lauri, Deborah & Daniel  
September & October 2007



*Praise the Lord for souls saved!* August started with a visit from a supporting church in California. In the group were several people who spoke Spanish. We handed out tracts and witnessed in the streets and parks of San José, Guadalupe, Heredia and Cartago. We distributed over 8000 tracts and saw at least 25 people saved during the week including this man who received Christ as his Saviour sitting under a tree on Avenida Central in San José. Interestingly enough we were just 5 meters from an area where it is prohibited to hand out tracts or witness.

*Praise God for great progress in Heredia!* At the end of August we had our first youth meeting in Heredia. There were 8 teenagers in attendance. This work has continued to see more visitors and souls saved. September ended with 5 baptisms and over 30 in attendance on a Thursday night service.



Soul-winning in San José

Picture by Chuck Wojack Jr.



First Youth Meeting in Heredia

*Praise the Lord for new opportunities to train people!* In the beginning of September we were able to open a Bible Institute. We are starting off with the first of three classes in doctrine. In February I am hoping to add another class in doctrine as well as training in other areas of Christian service. Please pray for the growth and success of this new ministry.

*Please pray for our immigration status!*

We started the process for our visas almost

immediately after arriving in Costa Rica. Our appointment came up last October and we properly submitted our applications. Two weeks later immigration stopped processing applications. We were recently informed that if we paid a new fee they would start processing the application. We paid the fee and everything is moving again. The people that are helping us with this are very positive that we should have our official visas by the end of the year. However, we then have to pre-pay for our deportation (just in case they ever have to deport us for any reason). This is a sizable amount of money. Please pray for God's provision and guidance in this matter.

Your Servant in Costa Rica,

Ryan Bickel



Going to Sunday School in Heredia

## Prayer Requests:

- Souls Saved!
- Growth in Heredia.
- First term of Bible Institute.
- Or immigration status is finally up for review. Please pray that our visa's will be approved.
- Lauri's Mom had a heart attack and surgery. Please pray for her recovery.
- Upcoming ministry opportunities.

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