

Mattocks Family Missions

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*How good and
pleasant it is
when God's
people live
together in unity.*

PSALMS 133:1

DAKOTA

"Mom, God's been speaking to me about Psalm 96:1. Sing a new song, it's not just about a song, but it is about starting new. It's helped me to focus on God. That He is with me, helping me understand His word more."

MALACHI

"I get to watch some of the pastor and churches that we visited! I like that I get to see them and listen to their lessons"

TARABETH

"Mom, when I become a missionary, I want to go to Cambodia. They worship a big fat guy... don't they know he's just a rock, and a rock can't do anything! No seriously, they don't know who Jesus is..."

OUR HERE AND NOW....

I need to first start this newsletter off clarifying and reassuring you, WE ARE GOOD! Being in Costa Rica during this crazy time of uncertainty has been comforting. It has been the only thing that hasn't changed due to COVID. We are under restrictions, as many of you, about who and when we can leave our compound. Obviously, that is only for food or medical reasons. However, I have been able to walk the empty streets (driving restrictions are intense here) and daily be reminded of God's provision in getting us here. It has given me time to take in the beautiful things God has created. I often think of two things, if God created and cared for each of the flowers and amazing animals and birds, how much more does He love

and care for me, my family, and the people around me. I also find myself going through the hymn, In the Garden, "and He walks with me, and He talks to with me, and He tells me I am His own". These reassurances allow me to have peace now and for our next steps.

We were scheduled to be here for an entire year. So, for now, the closing of borders doesn't immediately effect us. As we are about to begin our third trimester here at language school, there are lots of other changes happening. Our classmates who were suppose to be graduating cannot leave because of the turmoil in their countries they are called to. They will be continuing to learn Spanish with us.

Because of the restrictions still on

Costa Rica, our classes are now via zoom. It is harder to learn but not impossible. We are continually praying that in July borders will open and we will be allowed to graduate and move to Colombia. Colombia is also under strict restrictions and is now seeing the devastating effects of COVID in the Amazon Basin. We are praying for our fellow missionaries, and how God might use us in the aftermath. We realize that with all of these events our job right now is to learn 'muchisimo' Spanish, and draw closer to Jesus. We are going to need Him like never before in the days and months ahead.

May the Holy Spirit empower you like never before as we draw closer to Him.

THANK YOU.....

We do want to thank each of you for your prayers. We also want to say a special thank you to all the Pastors and workers that make it possible for us to be apart of your services on Sundays. We have been tuning in and being blessed and fed by your services. Our kids have been enjoying your kid's services as well!!! We are so grateful to still be able to connect with you in this way! We are praying for each of you as you walk through these challenging times too. Also a special thanks to Rachel @ RachaelLynnPhotography for coming all the way here, and blessing us with her amazing talents!!



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Jesus you ARE...

the Bread of Life
the Living Water
I will NEVER
be thirsty again!

John 6:35