

THE NELSON FAMILY

Preparing to serve in the Dominican Republic

PRAYER REQUESTS

♦Pray for our family as we continue to live in Costa Rica and learn. Pray for language retention.

♦Pray for the believers in Sabaneta who desperately want a church. Pray that God will prepare the way for us to share the Gospel to the lost.

♦Pray for our children, Caroline and Jude, as they spend some time with grandparents while we finish our last weeks of language school and training.

♦We are going to be in the Dominican Republic during the last week of June. Please pray that we are able to find a house. Also, pray for the people we will be able to spend time working with while we are in the DR.

♦We are so very thankful and we praise our Lord for those who support us through prayer, love, and giving. We now have 83% of our monthly financial requirements committed. We pray that God will continue to supply all that we need.

♦Praise that we have so many teachers and leaders that have taught us so much in our time here in Costa Rica. Their love for the Lord and desire to prepare His people to serve is so beautiful.

♦We praise God for all of you who have sent cards and packages. They have been an encouragement for us. Thank you for loving us!!

♦Praise to God for His providence as we have been learning Spanish! The vast amount of Spanish we've already learned is astounding and it's only through Him that we have come this far.

SERVING OUR RISEN SAVIOR

Our time in Costa Rica has been so much more than just a time to learn Spanish. We've had the opportunity to be a part of the lives of the children in the "Casa de Pan" Orphanage, to disciple new believers one-on-one, to teach and serve in our local Costa Rican church, to work with mission teams serving here, and so much more.

We recently visited a temple where we came face to face with the reality of what God has called us to. Here, in the midst of a country filled with extreme poverty, was a massive temple of marble, art, and gold – a vision of true beauty. This temple was created because of a legend based on a girl finding a rock which was believed to possess special powers. We watched as people crawled on their knees to come before the altar of this rock to worship and pray. As we sat and watched these people that were created for His Glory crawling to worship a rock, we were overcome with the weight of what God has entrusted to us. The love of our Risen Savior compels us to go and point to "My God, The Rock, in whom I take Refuge." (2 Samuel 22:3)

He has called our family to serve Him right here, right where we are, at this time, while we learn how to share His words with a beautiful people. He has called all of us to serve Him. In Matthew 10:7 Jesus sent His disciples out with instructions to share His Word as they were going. Where are you going today? How can you share His Gospel as you go? How is He calling you to serve? Perhaps God is calling you to be a part of this ministry to the DR by serving with us long-term or short-term, or through partnering with us in prayer and support. It could be that where He needs you is right in your neighborhood or that He is calling you to move across the world. We encourage you to serve Him "as you go" and follow His call wherever He leads!



People crawling into the temple to worship the rock.



We celebrated Jude turning 4 in March! He got this cool new sword for his birthday! It was a great day!

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PURA VIDA

“Pura Vida” is a term that Costa Ricans say to one another as a reminder that life in Costa Rica is very good. The actual translation is “Pure Life.” We’ve definitely enjoyed some “Pura Vida” moments since living here.



Volcano Turrialba Erupting this Past Week

We’ve had many volcano eruptions and cleaned ash off of every surface of our house. We’ve felt the earth move and shake with earthquakes. We’ve watched fires spread across the mountain tops and destroy houses of families already living in immense poverty. We’ve been soaked by torrential downpours of floods after spending our first three months here without a drop of rain. We’ve had days without power and water. We’ve endured stomach viruses, parasites, and dog bites. We’ve braved new foods and survived walking across live power lines as we headed to class. We’ve cried as we sat on the top of a mountain watching the baptisms of new believers. We’ve watched ant parades and fought off swarms of mosquitos. Life has been very different. But in all of these things, God has been very good.

In 1 Kings 19, we read about a moment between the Lord and Elijah. In verse 11, Elijah is instructed to go out and stand on the mountain because the Presence of the Lord is about to pass by. Suddenly a storm comes. A mighty wind rushes by that is so powerful that it rips rocks apart. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind, there was an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire, Elijah heard a gentle whisper. This gentle whisper was the voice of our Lord.

As we’ve lived here, we’ve experienced God in a new and amazing way. We’ve listened to Him in the whisper. As the ground here blazes, explodes, and shakes – He is The One who cannot be shaken, a whisper of peace. When the sickness comes, the loneliness sets in, and the tears fall – He is our Healer, a whisper of comfort. And at just the right time – when we are exhausted or frustrated and the enemy attacks, He is our Rescue and He whispers – you are mine. We praise Him for His faithfulness in this season and pray for His continued guidance as we follow His call to the Dominican Republic.

THE NELSONS HAVE CLASS



School Field Trip

We spend our days in class. We are learning much more than just Spanish. We’ve been learning about discipleship, relationships, Bible study, culture, religions, and more. We spend our days memorizing, writing, presenting, translating, and drinking lots of Costa Rican coffee. We are thankful that He sustains us.



Our Grammar Class



Cooking in Culture Class

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