



Whirlwind Missions

Outreach Update

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Hello, my friends!



“Pura Vida!” which means “Pure Life!” was a phrase I heard a lot this month. The last two weeks I spent in the mountains of Costa Rica in a small town called Santa Elena. I lived in a hostel with a group of students from all over the world. I spent most of my time with Marlo and his family. Marlo owns a little restaurant near where I stayed. He’s a great guy with an easy smile and very warm spirit. We hit it off immediately! Of course it helped that his wife Anna is a great cook. I miss her Arroz con Pollo (chicken and rice) for sure!

Most Costa Ricans are middle class and have a small concrete block house. Marlo was no exception. His house was connected to the store and restaurant in the front. He has two girls. Karen is the eldest. She’s a strikingly beautiful young woman who wants to study medicine. Her sister Paola is a freshman in high school and isn’t sure what she wants to do with her life. Marlo Jr. is in 5th grade at a middle school in the area. He loves soccer and playing with tops. We had fun kicking the ball around.



On Monday nights, Marlo and his friends from the village play indoor soccer. Each side has five players and the action is great! I had an enormous amount of fun cheering my pals on to victory. The second match I watched I shot video. They had a wonderful time watching themselves on TV! It was awesome to be considered part of the family. As much as I enjoyed being in Costa Rica, one thing became crystal clear to me: Atlanta is MY mission field! I enjoy being able to speak Spanish to my Mexican and Guatemalan friends, as well as Swahili to my buddies from Kenya and French with my folks from Cote d’Ivoire! Atlanta is truly unique with over 145 different countries represented in our area!



But the best part about Atlanta is that’s where MY family lives! It was great to get back home and spend time with my sweet wife Kathy, who just turned 50 on April 25th! Of course Ashley has become even more beautiful than ever and is doing great at the new Editor in Chief at the college newspaper. Jesse did a super job keeping the mission running and watching over the financial part of our ministry. It was also hard to believe that even though I was in the middle of the jungle, I had access to email at the hostel where I stayed. That meant I could keep in contact with my partners back in Atlanta. I actually helped coordinate a big outreach this weekend although though I was thousands of miles away. I sure do love technology!



I certainly agree with Dorothy in the Wizard of Oz, “There’s no place like home!” All my life I’ve moved around. I’ve lived in Kenya, Zimbabwe, Madagascar, S. Africa and France. It’s great to know I finally have roots somewhere doing a ministry that I love! THANK YOU!! For helping me live my dream of serving God right here in the good ol’ USA!!

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