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## December 2024 Prayer Letter from the Bickel Family in Costa Rica

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## DECEMBER 2024

As 2024 draws to a close, we're reflecting on the many ways God has been faithful throughout the year. It's been a season of challenges, growth, and exciting new beginnings, and we're so grateful for your prayers, encouragement, and support. You've been with us every step of the way, and we couldn't do this without you!

### Through the Rain His Work Continues

This year's rainy season was one of the heaviest we've experienced. With washed-out roads and landslides, it's been a challenge to get around at times. But despite the obstacles, God has allowed us to keep supporting the churches in the southern zone, and we're so thankful for His provision.

As Christmas approaches, we're working on a special project to bring presents to needy families in our community and the churches we partner with. These gifts are more than just items—they're a way to share the love and hope of Christ during this special season. We'd love your prayers and support as we work to make this happen!



## A New Church Plant in Pérez Zeledón

We've been hosting services in our home since the church in our neighborhood closed earlier this year, and it's been a joy to see how God has provided. Many of the Costa Rican families who joined us have now found new church homes, and we're excited for what God is doing in their lives.

He is now leading us in a new direction: starting an English-speaking church in Pérez Zeledón! This area has a large international community, along with many Costa Ricans who speak English or have lived in the U.S. Despite the need, there isn't currently an English-speaking church here. We're thrilled to step into this opportunity and can't wait to see how God will use this ministry to reach people for Christ.



## We Need a Van

As we take on these new opportunities, transportation has become a big challenge. Right now, our family can't even travel together because we don't have a vehicle that fits all of us. We're praying for the funds to purchase a 15-passenger van, which would allow us to travel as a family and serve more effectively. Our last van was a 1999. I would really like to get a van that is at least 2014 or newer so that we can use it for many years to come.

Would you pray with us about this need? If God puts it on your heart to help, we'd be so grateful.

## Online Updates

You might have noticed that our website and Facebook page are currently down. This is for the safety of the children in our care. We're working on relaunching these platforms, and they'll be back up after the first of the year. Stay tuned for more details soon!

## Important Dates from CMC

A quick reminder: the cutoff date for support this month is **December 16th**. Anything received after that date won't be forwarded to us until **February**, so please plan accordingly.

Also, CMC wanted to let everyone know about some recent mailing issues. Here's their message:

*"For several months, some of the mail we send out, such as receipts, has been returned to our office with a yellow postal label UNDELIVERABLE AS ADDRESSED. Donors are receiving mail they sent to CMC back with the same label.*

*We have verified that your addresses are good, and our address has not changed. We are working with the Postmaster to try and resolve this matter. Along with that, mail has also been arriving weeks and months past the postmark date. Feel free to call on the status of your donation if it does not clear your bank in a timely manner."*

Thank you for your patience as they work to resolve this!

## Merry Christmas and Thank You!

As we celebrate Christmas, we're overwhelmed with gratitude for each of you who has prayed, encouraged, and supported us all of these years. You're a vital part of everything God is doing here, and we're so thankful to have you on this journey with us.

May your Christmas season be filled with joy, and may the Lord bless you abundantly in the year ahead!

Your Servants in Costa Rica,  
Ryan, Lauri, and Deborah Bickel



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