



Christian Light Foundation Costa Rica

EVANGELISM and DISCIPLESHIP
in the hard places of Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras, and Venezuela

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255th consecutive monthly newsletter

“Put MORE photos in your newsletters so we can see what you’re talking about.”
“Put LESS photos in your newsletters to free up space to properly explain what you are doing.”
We appreciate all the comments and suggestions we receive! A reminder... lots of photos on Facebook and on our new Instagram. Información at the bottom of this letter.

Ministry Snapshots



La Finca in Costa Rica is the international ministry base. There is a house for the caretakers and a small church building that was long ago outgrown and is now used for meetings and special activities. The large gym is home to the children’s feeding center and is used for many youth and outreach events and Sunday church services. Also, there is a large outdoor space that includes a popular soccer field. That is where a massive piece of plastic covered with soap and water was the main event at the recent sixth-grade camp. After eight hours of non-stop water games, they were begging for more. We are thankful for La Finca, a safe place where kids can be kids.



The winning team received the coveted church medal and a bag of candy that included Snickers. Many of these young people had never eaten a Snickers and so it was fun to watch them slowly, small bite by tiny bite, eat one, and then save the other two. A top goal is to make these youth feel super special in a place where they are largely ignored.



Mark got to share the gospel with the sixth graders, where twelve boldly raised their hands to indicate that they had just prayed to receive Jesus as Lord and Savior. A week later, these twelve were invited to La Finca to hear about discipleship and how to begin their walk with the Lord. This “meeting” took place around a campfire where they all had their first-ever s’mores. Pedro, pictured here, was one of the few who did not burn his marshmallows to a charred crisp.



As fun and exhausting as the sixth-grade camp was, the goal clearly was evangelism and discipleship, which is our passion throughout the ministry. Pictured here is the leadership team from a church in Nicaragua that has just started to learn what discipleship is. They are excited to disciple the rest of their church. Disciples making disciples! The ministry provides the discipleship material, Bibles, and the needed training in more and more areas and churches.



It was a rough start to the school year in February as it appeared that the door was closing to the ministry in the two closest grade schools as new administration was put into place. For the most part, the teachers and principals do not want to travel to and work in a slum like Los Guido. We prayed that Satan would not win this battle. Within six weeks, there were two changes in the administration as we saw God do what only He could do - move out those who opposed the expansion of His kingdom. God has put in place those that have welcomed us into the schools once again, and, of course, we are trying to make the most of those open doors. Little Deyna is pictured with a big smile enjoying one of some 1700 ice cream bars we handed out recently. Please pray that not only the direct sharing of the gospel would result in eternal fruit but also that these tangible acts of loving the forgotten and downtrodden would draw kids and their families to the Lord.



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