

## Happy Thanksgiving Beloved Family and Friends,



Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! As we reflect on the past months, we are filled with gratitude for the many blessings and opportunities that God has provided us. Our journey here in Costa Rica has been transformative personally and spiritually, and we are excited to share our experiences with you.

We are now proud members of "Iglesia Bautista Misionera de Santa Ana." Being part of this vibrant community has been a source of joy and growth for us. I have been invited to lead the church's discipleship program, an excellent opportunity to help establish a solid doctrinal understanding within our church. Through years of supporting churches ministering to Ebenezer, I have been taught that equipping leaders and fostering formal discipleship is



essential for the growth of our congregation. So, I will be giving form to the church's discipleship program. We pray for God's guidance as we embark on this journey together as a church.

I am also thrilled to share that I have officially completed my master's degree in theology! This achievement is a personal milestone and a testament to God's faithfulness and provision. I am eager to use the knowledge and skills I have gained to serve the body of Christ and effectively present Christ's message. Although I am still paying off my school tuition, I am grateful to have finished this chapter of my education. Soon, I will present my degree to all of you for God's glory!



As we look back on our time here, we are filled with joy at our progress. The school year at the Academy has concluded, and we are celebrating our first generation of graduates! It is a blessing to witness the fruits of our labor and to see a new



generation equipped for service. We thank God for His faithfulness in this endeavor.

In our personal lives, we have also experienced significant changes. We moved from a cramped living situation with limited space and damp clothes to a new home with more room and storage. Our stored clothes were constantly damped and some of the clothes we had to throw away because of mold. Silvia was no longer comfortable staying in that house. We found one with a little bit more room and closets! Small things are great blessings, and we should always be grateful. Thank God we had suitcases and now we have closets. This



transition has brought us immense relief and comfort. We are reminded that even small blessings, like having closets, are gifts from God that we should cherish.



Silvia has also been thriving in her involvement at church. She feels a sense of belonging and has engaged in various ministries, which has been a blessing for both of us. I have had the privilege of preaching at our church, and it has been a rewarding experience to share God's Word with our community. As we continue this journey, we humbly ask for your prayers.

Please pray for the following list:

1. Immigration Process: Pray for a smooth and timely progression of our immigration process in Costa Rica, that all necessary paperwork and approvals may be granted.

2. Church Growth: Pray for the growth of "Iglesia Bautista Misionera de Santa Ana," that we may effectively reach and disciple new members in Christ.



3. Discipleship Program: Pray for wisdom and guidance as I lead the church's discipleship program, that it may strengthen the doctrinal understanding and spiritual maturity of our congregation.
4. Academy Enrollment: Pray for the upcoming school year at the Academy, that new students may enroll and that we can continue to provide quality education and training.
5. Health and Well-being: Pray for Silvia and me to remain healthy—physically, mentally, and spiritually—as we serve in our various ministries.
6. Ministry Opportunities: Pray for more opportunities to serve in the church and community so that we may be effective vessels for God's work.
7. Spiritual Growth: Pray for our personal spiritual growth, that we may continue to deepen our relationship with God and be equipped to share His love with others.
8. Family and Friends: Pray for our family and friends back home, that they may be blessed and supported in their own journeys.
9. Financial Provision: Pray for financial provision as we manage our living expenses.
10. Gratitude and Praise: Pray that we will remain thankful for the blessings we have received and continue to recognize God's hand in our lives.

Thank you for your unwavering support and prayers. We are grateful to have you as part of our journey and look forward to sharing more updates with you. May God bless you abundantly!

In Christ's love,  
Pastor Fernando Rocha

