

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Blessings and warm greetings from Costa Rica! I hope this letter finds you joyful in the Lord and strong in your faith. I want to share with you the wonderful things God has been doing in our ministry this month, deeply thankful for your support and prayers that make every step possible.



This month has truly been a blessing in our walk with the Lord and in serving in different parts of the ministry. I successfully completed the first part of our Old Testament survey 1, where I had the joy of teaching 12 dedicated students discovering the amazing way Christ is revealed in the

Scriptures. It's inspiring to see their dedication as they dive into the Scriptures, learning to see Christ woven throughout the Old Testament. Watching them engage with the material and faithfully complete their assignments reminds me of how God is at work, equipping new leaders to serve His Church with knowledge and passion.



I am now preparing for the next courses alongside two fellow teachers, which also brings me great joy. The anticipation of seeing the students grow in their faith and understanding fills me with enthusiasm! It's an incredible privilege to be part of this process — training and encouraging others to walk closely with the Lord through the deep, life-giving study of the Old

Testament survey 2. I am confident that God is doing something wonderful here, and I can't wait to see how He continues to bless this ministry!

Additionally, we were truly blessed by Pastor Tony Sanelli's visit this month. He took the time to meet with pastors from five different churches, investing deeply in their growth through his pastoral training. I had the incredible opportunity to attend one of his sessions, and it was a true blessing to grow alongside my brothers in Christ. Pastor Tony's teaching focused on pastoral care and leadership, especially in the important area of church



eldership. It was inspiring to see how much passion and wisdom he brought, encouraging us to lead with grace and effectiveness. Spending time with Pastor Tony and his encouragement for Silvia and me personally was a real highlight — it reminded me of the power of Christian mentorship and fellowship.



This visit stirred so much joy in my heart because it showed how hungry pastors are to be equipped and strengthened for the work of the ministry. Seeing the genuine desire to learn and grow confirms that God is moving powerfully in our churches. I'm grateful for the opportunity to walk this journey of leadership alongside such dedicated servants, and I'm excited for all the fruit these teachings will produce. Pastor Tony's time with us was a true



gift, reminding me that we are part of a larger family, all striving to shepherd God's people with love and wisdom. I can't wait to apply what I learned and continue growing as a leader for His glory!

As for church life, Silvia and I are enjoying our growth in Christ. At this moment the church is involved in evangelism in different neighborhoods. There is one neighborhood that I want to share with you. Because it is a neighborhood that is being evangelized as well as in prayer for a future church plant. Evangelism in the Grifo Alto neighborhood has been a thrilling and heartwarming



journey! We have had the incredible privilege of getting to know some neighbors in this vibrant community—praying with them, listening to their stories, and sharing the life-changing message of the gospel.



It's amazing to see how God is opening hearts and creating opportunities for us to plant seeds of faith where there previously were none. We took the time to conduct a survey in the area to better understand the needs and the spiritual landscape of Grifo Alto, and it became clear that this neighborhood, without any healthy Christian churches, is ripe for a fresh

outpouring of God’s love and truth. I have been asked to start a bible study group with three families that live in the area. I am so encouraged by how the Lord is working to build a strong foundation for a new church that will serve and bless this community for years to come!

Church planting is truly an exciting adventure, and leading this effort in Grifo Alto fills me with passion and purpose. As the leader and teacher of this new growth group, I’m honored to walk alongside these families, supporting them in prayer, discipleship, and



service. We are not just looking for to plant a new church; we are cultivating a family of believers committed to evangelizing the area and inviting more neighbors to experience God’s grace and salvation. Every prayer, every visit, and every Bible study brings us one step closer to seeing a thriving church come alive right here in Grifo Alto.

Silvia and I recently celebrated a very special milestone—21 years of marriage on July 10th. Although our ministry demands have been intense and continuously engaging, we did not celebrate our anniversary on the 10th. Even if the exact date may have passed as you read this letter, we are taking a few days to celebrate our marriage. The feeling of gratitude and love between us remains strong and alive. We are truly thankful to God for allowing us to journey together, growing in love and serving the Lord side by side all these years. It has been a beautiful experience to see how our bond, rooted in Christ, has been a testimony to our church, family, and friends.



We cherish the many years ahead that God has blessed us with to continue loving and supporting one another while faithfully serving in ministry. It humbles us to know that many are praying for us and standing with us through every season of life and service. As we walk forward together, we ask for your continued prayers that we might keep growing in



love and be strengthened to face whatever lies ahead, both as husband and wife and as servants of Christ. Thank you sincerely for remembering our anniversary and for your loving support; it means the world to us.

Brothers and sisters, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for walking alongside us on this journey. Your prayers and support uplift us daily as we strive to serve faithfully and expand God's kingdom. We are grateful for every opportunity to grow, learn, and minister together, and we cherish the love and unity we share in Christ. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we lead, teach, and disciple others. Pray especially that God will bless the growth of the possible church plant and the academy, that many more lives will be touched by the gospel, and that we remain strong and faithful to the calling God has placed on us.

May God bless each of you abundantly as you pray for us and the ministry. We are here to serve you in any way we can, and we look forward to continuing this beautiful journey with you all.

With love in Christ,
Pastor Fernando Rocha

