

Hello brothers and sisters.

God bless every one of you. It's me, Pastor Fernando Rocha, together with my beautiful wife, Silvia. We are here in Costa Rica, and it is truly a blessing to be ministering in this country. Before sharing our updates, I want to express our sincere thanks for your prayers and unwavering support. It is always a blessing to stand before you, knowing that our church is committed to missions and stands with us in every season.

Our Ministry in Costa Rica

We came to Costa Rica as a part of the Academy to Leadership Training Center. Many interesting things are happening here some good, some challenging. Let me start by sharing the good:



The Lord is guiding us and shaping our mission in profound ways during our time here. Recently, I had the privilege of being officially recognized as one of the pastors at our church, joining a leadership team that now consists of three devoted pastors. Serving side by side with these two other pastors has been a tremendous blessing, as we are able to share responsibilities, encourage one another, and seek God's direction together. This team-based approach allows us to better serve our congregation, draw from each other's strengths, and provide more

comprehensive spiritual care to our church family. We regularly meet to pray, plan, and discern how best to fulfill the calling God has placed on our hearts for this community. I am grateful for the unity and support we experience as we lead together, and I truly believe that God is using this collaboration to strengthen our church and expand the reach of our ministry.

We have also started the marriage couple's ministry, what a blessing to be able to start teaching marriages to look to Christ in their lives. We had our first marriage event and it was a great success, as we joined together





and shared the message of Christ in marriage. It was truly a blessing. Our hope is that through these gatherings, couples will be encouraged to strengthen their relationships and build a foundation rooted in faith. We are planning future events that will offer practical guidance and biblical wisdom for married life, and are excited to see how God will continue to use this ministry to impact families in our church and community.

I am leading a fellowship group, which has experienced remarkable growth in recent months. The group outgrew the capacity of our home, and we found ourselves welcoming new faces each week, drawn by word of mouth and the genuine sense of belonging. As we prayed and discussed the future, it became clear that God was opening the door to transition from a home fellowship into a new church plant. With much prayer and wise counsel from my fellow pastors, we took intentional steps forward. Identifying a suitable space for gatherings, organizing regular worship services, and establishing a core leadership team. I am now privileged to lead this church plant, working closely with four dedicated families, each of whom brings a servant's heart. Their commitment and enthusiasm have been tremendously encouraged, and together with the ongoing support, prayers, and mentorship



from our church and pastoral team, we are laying a strong foundation. The church plant has quickly become a beacon of hope in our community. We desire to reach new families, fostering deeper relationships with Christ, and meeting spiritual and practical needs. We are filled with gratitude for what God is doing in our midst and humbly ask for your continued prayers as we seek His guidance and blessing on this new season of ministry.

My wife, Silvia, is actively involved in the women's ministry. She has been counseling and supporting women, and there is an upcoming conference she is helping to organize. Her work in this area has been a blessing and she is

also equipping four women to help her in the area she is ministering in, with the women's ministry.

My responsibilities at the Academy have shifted significantly, as I am now taking on a greater administrative role within the organization. This transition means that, rather than teaching two classes

as I did previously, I am currently instructing just one course. Although this adjustment was initially a surprise, I have come to recognize it as a blessing from God. The reduced teaching load has allowed me more time and flexibility to devote myself to the various ministries of our church, such as the leadership team, church plant, and outreach to families and couples. At the same time, I continue to serve as the dean of



students, which gives me the opportunity to mentor and guide students on their spiritual and academic journeys. This new balance enables me to invest deeply in both the Academy and our church community, trusting that God is using these changes to further His work in Costa Rica and outlining where He wants me in ministry.

While God has blessed us with many wonderful opportunities and growth in our ministries, we are also facing a difficult season. Silvia has been dealing with health concerns and is undergoing medical tests, including a biopsy, to determine the cause. The physicians are not yet certain of the diagnosis, and naturally, this has brought uncertainty to our hearts.

Because they have to rule out the most difficult part, that there is a possibility that it could be cancer. Not knowing what it could be, does cause worry and I have been focusing on Silvia, praying with her, reminded us God is in control. Throughout this process, we are leaning on our faith and trusting in God's sovereignty, believing that He is with us in every circumstance. Your prayers are especially needed during this time, and we remain hopeful that God will bring healing and guide us through these challenges. Thank you for



standing with us, not only in moments of joy, but also as we navigate these trials with unwavering trust in the Lord.

Thank You for Your Partnership

We are deeply grateful for your prayers, financial support, and encouragement. Your partnership is essential in enabling all that we do here in Costa Rica, from evangelistic services to church leadership and outreach. We love you and are thankful for your service and for being partakers in the gospel with us. We look forward to sharing more updates, including photos from upcoming evangelistic events.

Prayer support

We would appreciate your prayers for the women's ministry. In addition to my wife's involvement with the women's ministry, please pray for both the marriage ministry and the church plant. I also want to ask for your prayers regarding Silvia's health. We trust in the Lord's plan and remain hopeful that everything will unfold according to His will.

Prayer Requests for Immigration Status

We would be deeply grateful for your continued prayers for our immigration status. Our lawyer is working to finish the process to update our immigration status. It is moving forward, everything is in order and just dealing with bureaucracy. But things are looking positive.

Women's Ministry

Please lift up in prayer the women's ministry, where Silvia is actively teaching and supporting women in our church and community. She is currently helping to organize an upcoming conference, and we ask that you join us in praying for wisdom, strength, and lasting impact as Silvia and the team serve faithfully. We trust that God will use this ministry to touch many lives and bring hope and encouragement to women.

Marriage Ministry

We also ask for your prayers for the marriage ministry. With the recent launch of this ministry, our first event was a wonderful success, inspiring couples to build their relationships on the firm foundation of faith in Christ. Please continue to pray for the ongoing growth of this ministry, for guidance as we plan future gatherings, and for God to use these efforts to strengthen marriages and families throughout our church and community.

Church Plant

Your prayers are also needed for the church plant that has emerged from our growing fellowship group. As we transition from meeting in our home to establishing a new church, please pray for unity and discernment among our leadership, for God's provision as we seek a meeting space, and for effective outreach to new families in our community. We trust the Lord to guide every step and to build His church as we follow His call.

Silvia's Health

Finally, we humbly ask for your prayers regarding Silvia's health. She is currently undergoing several medical tests, including a biopsy, to determine the cause of her recent health concerns. Please pray for healing, peace, and for God's will to be done in every aspect of this situation.

Your faithful prayers and support mean so much to us. We trust in the Lord's plan and remain hopeful that everything will unfold according to His will.

Closing and Blessings

God bless you. We love you and ask that you continue to keep us in your prayers as we serve the Lord with willing hearts, trusting in His strength and grace. We are deeply grateful for your faithful support, encouragement, and prayers. Your partnership in ministry means so much to us, and we truly appreciate the ways you stand alongside us, helping to carry the burdens and celebrate the joys of serving together. Thank you for your unwavering commitment and love, which inspire us to persevere and remain hopeful. May God richly reward you for your kindness and generosity, and may His blessings continue to overflow in your lives.

In Christ,

Pastor Fernando Rocha

