



March 1, 2026

Good Day HBC Family!

During HBC's One Day Mission Experience, one of the missionaries mentioned an upcoming mission trip to Costa Rica. This short-term mission trip will occur May 23-29, 2026 and offers an opportunity to represent Beautiful Feet International (BFI), an ABWE sponsored organization. BFI exists to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ by training and equipping pregnancy ministries around the world. They partner with local churches to establish these ministries to reach and minister to their communities for the long-term. BFI has established over 200 pregnancy ministries in 40 countries throughout the world.

Patrice Wallace and Carolyn Greene will be part of this BFI mission team and will serve alongside churches in Paritta and Tarcoles by ministering to the children of women who have visited the pregnancy centers and others in the communities. The team will host Vacation Bible School for children in both locations. Our plan is to strengthen the ministry of the churches by teaching roughly six VBS sessions. It is likely that we could reach close to 100 children and their family members, given the way Costa Rica's school days are structured!

Costa Rica has long been under the influence of Roman Catholicism. Catholicism is the official religion of the country and it is a required subject in schools. Costa Rica is the only country on the continent which has established Catholicism as its state religion. Many Costa Ricans wear religious jewelry, such as crosses, images of saints, the Virgin Mary or Christ.

The percentage of people identifying as Catholic has declined over the years and about 20 percent of the population identify as Protestants. Unfortunately, a growing number are identifying as non-religious or another religion. Therefore, many have no good picture of what true Christians look like. It is our prayer that the team will advance God's Kingdom and support the work of the churches in Costa Rica.

This mission trip is part of a much greater work, and we would like you to partner with us in this ministry. **Please pray** for us, the team, and the people we encounter, because Christ's Kingdom goes forth only through the work of His Spirit. In addition, we would greatly appreciate prayer for safe travels, thoughtfulness while creating our VBS lessons, and sweet community within the team.

Please **faithfully commit to praying** that the team would serve the churches in Paritta and Tarcoles by helping to further the gospel in Costa Rica, and seeing Christ glorified in His church.

Would you consider partnering financially with us? By May 1, 2026, we need to raise about **\$1,800 each for this trip. This includes \$1,500 to be paid for the Mission and about \$300 to fly to and from Orlando, which is where the group will meet and fly to Costa Rica together.**

If you wish to contribute to this project, there are two options to give (all gifts are tax deductible).

Option One: You can make a check payable to **Hope Bible Church** with “Costa Rica Mission Trip” on the memo line. Place it in a giving envelope, found at the entrance to the sanctuary and either drop it in the offering box or mail to the following address:

Hope Bible Church
9112 Guilford Rd.
Columbia, MD, 21046

Option Two: You can go online to <https://hopebiblechurch.org/giving/> to make a donation. Click on “Make a Gift.” Then, under “Gift Type,” select “Give One Time.” Under “Fund,” select “Costa Rica Mission Trip” and your gift will be applied to this particular project.

Thank you for your partnership in this ministry to advance the Kingdom of Christ in Costa Rica!



Prayer Points:

- ❖ Unity within the BFI team
- ❖ Creativity and vision for the VBS lessons we will be building
- ❖ Safety and provision for our travels and expenses
- ❖ Connection with the families we encounter as we teach and interact with the people of Costa Rica
- ❖ That the gospel would go forth clearly and with the power of the Holy Spirit working in hearts
- ❖ That the language and culture differences would not be a hindrance
- ❖ That our hearts would be soft and flexible as we seek to honor and glorify God

May God be glorified,

Patrice Wallace & Carolyn Greene