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In our previous newsletter, we shared with you a bit about getting involved at our church- Comunidad Cristiana El Faro (Lighthouse Community Church). In recent months, God has opened several unexpected doors for us to serve as a part of this growing, young church.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL-** At the beginning of February, I started team teaching Sunday school to a group of 11-14 year olds. The kids come from a wide range of backgrounds; some come from Christian homes, while others live with extended family members due to drug problems in their families of origin. The first day was very insightful when several kids arrived on-time with Bibles, and others had to ask for help to find a passage because of lack of familiarity with the Bible.

We praise God for the kids that are coming to hear what the Bible has to say about the world we live in. We started with the creation and in two weeks, we will be talking about the fall of creation, sin, and mankind's dire need for salvation from sin through the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus.

**ENGLISH CLASS-** The church offers several classes such as accounting, Excel, Word, marketing, and English at a nominal cost to serve the community surrounding the church. The class I am teaching, English for Beginners, meets for 2.5 hours ev-

ery Thursday night. The past several weeks, there have been a dozen people there ranging in age from 11 to 65. Several are recent Honduran or Nicaraguan immigrants, and all of them want to learn English for the opportunities it will make available to them for future employment.

Please pray for this open door that I might teach well, demonstrate genuine love for them, and use Scripture as a teaching tool. All except for 4 people are from outside the church and would not likely have come to church except because of the class. Pray that those from the church in the class would be salt and light and serve with me in showing the love of Jesus.



**ENGLISH BIBLE STUDY-** Jennifer is co-leading a Bible study for ex-pats living here in Costa Rica. In attendance are ladies from Russia, the U.S., Great Britain, Turkey, Guatemala, and Costa Rica. The common language is English. Some of the women are not Christians but are looking for a way to make some new friends. Pray for this unusual open door as Jen spends time each week with these special ladies.

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## MINISTRY UPDATE

My “day job” as the Director of Operations at ProMETA has been full of new challenges and unexpected blessings. Let me fill you on a few recent projects that I have been involved with.

### SUMMIT 2008 EVENT

ProMETA invited missions pastors and members of supporting churches to Costa Rica last month to see the ministry first hand. These friends of the ministry are awesome people with a passion for teaching sound doctrine, and their congregations have generously covered development costs in the past. The Summit event gave them a change to interact with a panel of ProMETA students and hear more about the vision for accessible theological education. I was in-charge of event logistics, and thanks to God, things went smoothly. Churches in Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, and Colorado donated approximately \$3,500 for ProMETA's general fund for developing new courses.

### CONFERENCE ROOM CONSTRUCTION

A team from Mountain View Evangelical Free Church in Greeley, Colorado, spent a week at our office to build several new walls, install lighting and wiring, and build an incredibly useful new conference room. We will be dedicating this facility to the Lord that He might be honored through the meetings and conversations held there in the years to come. We are still praying that God would provide funds for a data projector and a conference table/chairs.

### SEMESTER LAUNCH

The May semester is fast approaching, and we are preparing course software, purchasing books and electronic texts, and recruiting students. Please pray for us as we work towards the goal of recruiting 30 new pastors to study with us. The courses we are offering this term are:

- Models of Christian Leadership
- Biblical Interpretation (Hermeneutics)
- Interpretation of Genesis
- Biblical Worldview
- Communication and Interpersonal Relations

For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance. Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will. And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. -Romans 8:24-27



### Prayer Corner

- Pray for the ministry of ProMETA as we prepare to launch the May semester with two new courses, and new country coordinators assisting us in Chile and Mexico with student recruiting.
- Praise God that my Dad has finished up 6 months of chemotherapy. Keep praying for him as he is currently in the midst of 6 weeks of radiation treatment. We continue to ask God to heal him, and to use Dad's illness and recovery to His own glory.
- Intercede for Jennifer & I as we make decisions about next steps for our family. In August, it will mark two years with LAM, at which time we feel it's time for us to move back to the U.S. How will God use the things we are learning here to His glory? Where we will live? Jobs? What's next?

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