



# The Melendez Family on Mission

*"I can do everything through him who gives me strength." (Philippians 4:13)*

## Church Gathering



*On Sunday, November 27th, we got a lot of Christians together! In an effort to share fellowship with Churches of Christ from other parts of Costa Rica, we at the Church in Palmares received five congregations totalling 200 brothers and sisters of the faith. The event was held at a community hall close to our meeting place, and the motivation and enthusiasm made the day a success. A lady of one of the congregations was baptized, and a Christian couple was married on that day, also. Our Church members worked very hard to make the event a reality. We plan to gather together with other Christians of Costa Rica every 4 months.*



## Birthdays



*The Lord blessed my son Daniel and I with another year of life. We threw a party for little Dan with kids from the Church, and as you can see from the pictures, he had a great time eating cake and swinging away at the piñata. On my 34th birthday, my wife held a dinner party with Church members. We had a good time sharing together the blessings of our Heavenly Father. And my wife Mayra made both cakes!*

## Baptisms

*The Lord added two more souls to his Church! On October 15th, Marvin (age 49) gave his life over to Christ by confessing his faith and being baptized. He studied for the Catholic priesthood in his youth, but left the seminary one year before graduating after discovering things that he felt were contrary to the Bible. On October 30th, Lidier (age 17 and the son of Church members) was baptized into Jesus Christ. Glory be to God! Please pray for them!*



## Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



*We wish for the love, peace, and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ to fill your hearts with joy. May all around you be in harmony wherever you are. May this Christmas provide an opportunity to let others know that God sent a Savior to our world. We wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2012!*

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