

The Melendez family



on Mission

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“This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.” 1 Timothy 2:3-4

ARRIVAL IN COSTA RICA



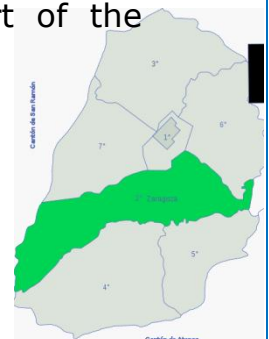
On the 24th of August we arrived in Costa Rica exhausted but excited. We flew from Los Angeles at 2:00AM and arrived at 9:05AM. On the same day my brother-in-law and his family flew from El Salvador at 3:30PM and arrived in Costa Rica at 4:45PM. Then we drove for 45 minutes to the target city of Palmares; we spent the night there in an apartment and we stayed there until finding a place to live for each family.

SETTLED INTO PALMARES



During the first month we focused on finding a house, a car, furniture, appliances, etc in order to be established, and thanks to the Lord we have accomplished these things. It was quite an experience doing all these because people knew by our accent that we were foreigners, as result we made several friends who welcomed us to Palmares. On the other hand, we met people who take advantage of foreigners, because in several occasions we have had to pay more money for things; later we have learned that we've been paying two, three, or even four times more than the actual price. It did hurt our pockets but it was all fun; when we remember those experiences we laugh about it. We understand that this is part of the learning process when entering a new culture.

Both families settled into the district of Zaragoza of Palmares; we live relatively close from each other, about two minutes driving.



THE WORK HAS BEGUN

The first step of our strategy to win souls for Christ is develop relationships among the people. From our arrival until now we have been meeting people in everyday living, as result we have made friends. We want to approach people with the gospel as friends and not just as "religious." Thanks to the Lord, we have had success! We have two Bible studies with two ladies of Palmares and sometimes the husband of one of them join us. Also we have other friends that we're keeping in our prayers so that we can study the Bible together.



Xiomara and Nazareth

Every Sunday afternoon we study the Bible with Xiomara and Nazareth. Xiomara has a Catholic background, she is 32 years old, she is married with Javier who sometimes join us in Bible studies, also she is blessed with two daughters. Nazareth is 18 years old, single, and has a nostic background, she grew up into the religion, her father is one of the main leaders of Gnosticism in Palmares. Please join us in prayer for these ladies!

On Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays we gather together to worship God and to study His Word. Also, almost every day at 9:00AM except Fridays and Sundays we come together for devotionals; usually we sing songs and prayed for our families, supporters, the lost of Palmares, our mission and to give thanks to the Lord for all He has done in our lives.



OTHER EVENTS



Palmares is surrounded by mountains so the other day we went to the top of a mountain to pray for the people of the city. We walked for about an hour back and forth. That was a nice experience!



In September 24th my Father-in-law Luis and his wife Maria came to visit us from El Salvador. This is the first time they see my son Daniel in person. My wife Mayra is so happy to see her parents again. And of course I am so happy too! 😊

Ashley got a female dog, she named her Flor which means in English flower, but when we learned that our neighbor across the street has the same name we changed to Chispita which means little spark.



FUN MOMENTS



Please keep us in your prayers!

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