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Missionaries in Costa Rica

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Dear friends,

It's 5:30 a.m., the rooster is announcing he is boss of the sunrise! Other roosters in the neighborhood are challenging his authority, but to no avail. Now 8:30 a.m., the hens are making proud pronouncements; their workplace has been productive, and I shall not have to ride the motorbike eight miles to buy some eggs. 1:30 p.m., lunch of homemade chicken soup was delicious, and the hens all agree they had better be productive. Even Bill Gates thinks chickens are at least part of the answer to the poverty that is apparent in so many countries. Isn't that nice, a billionaire giving chicken advice!

And I also have an announcement to make: About 5 days ago, an elderly couple in Texas called me at [+1-336-844-4368](tel:+13368444368) (a free international call) and pledged \$5,000 of the \$35,000 needed to build the 70 by 100 foot building that will be used as a vocational school for missionaries and local missionaries to the Spanish world. These dear people are in their mid 90's and have made this donation to Central Missionary Clearinghouse and earmarked it specifically to the "Zerbe account for the Vocational School." And as I stated, this building will be used every day of the week for several reasons, a true Multipurpose Building. We thank these dear folks for starting this very needed project off with this generous gift.

The local Christian Costa Rican contractor is standing by. When he goes to work, his crew is his brothers with his parents in their seventies helping as well. He did a fabulous job on the horse barn church. He says that the 70 foot by 100 foot building will all be done in two months once the funds are available.

Remember "Rocky," the bus worth \$80,000 if new that came to us with all new drivetrain for only \$5300 because of a large rock that was wedged between one set of dual tires which the owner and his mechanics could not find. Which rock I found in 5 minutes after taking ownership. We loaned "Rocky" to a missionary in another part of Costa Rica to use to pick up children for his camp weeks. Missionary Sam White posted on January 17, "Kids Camp, pray for us. Les and Jane Zerbe, thanks for the bus."



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This 125 cc Suzuki suffers when we both get on!

"And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, there is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's,

But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life." Mark 10:29-30

It's a high honor to serve a God who gives us these promises!

In the past, several of you have said to let you know when we had an important project. This is one of those. This entire property along with this new building is in a Costa Rican Corporation and in a trust that keeps all this going when we pass on. At present, I cannot foresee any other imminently important costly projects. But \$35,000 for a 70' x 100' all steel building with concrete floor, electric lights, backhoe grading, a driveway, grading and renting a crane to lift steel beams is a good deal in anybody's book.

A new missionary family is arrived in Costa Rica on January 31st to work fulltime with the Cabécar Indians. Another missionary family works fulltime at the horse barn church, and the possibility of two other couples coming to teach in the vocational school for new missionaries. So, things are moving forward.

May the Lord bless you 100-fold!

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Current Ministries in Costa Rica include:

- The "horse barn church" -- Iglesias Bautista Victoria of Atenas
- Campground for men's and lady's retreats, youth camps, planning sessions
- Hospitality to missionaries, local pastors
- Staging area for work teams that come to help other Costa Rican ministries
- Aviation Ministry to support ministry among the Cabécar Indians
- Vocational training school (future, as God leads) for missionaries going to all parts of the globe as well as those coming to Central America

P.S. Other gifts have increased the total to date to \$7500.00. If you wish to participate in the Vocational school, send your gift to CMC and include a separate note "to Les Zerbe account for vocational school."

SOURDOUGH SAM SEZ:

"I think I'll open my own twitter account! Oh! I forgot I've been 'tweeting' my whole life to the misses."

