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Missionaries in Costa Rica

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Dear friends,

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We want to say, "thank you!" for the continued prayer and support despite the virus which has affected all of us in so many ways. But God is not surprised, and, but I must admit, I do not like to "tread water." We all like things to keep moving forward.

Missionary efforts worldwide are being affected in an adverse way. Not all is bad news. Brother Kevin McCoy, the pastor contractor from Florida, should arrive in Costa Rica October 22nd. He will be the Vocational School administrator for potential Millennial missionaries.



Jane is in Costa Rica. She has been studying Spanish and growing a garden to share with church members and neighbors who have food needs. Daily our five new hens are each producing more eggs than we can eat.

Costa Rica has been locked down due to the Covid virus. Our neighbor (a chef) was laid off for two weeks. Jane thought of a creative plan to help that family: She invited the chef to teach her to cook Costa Rican recipes. This consisted of cooking a huge batch of typical food each day like Olla de Carne (beef stew) or Arroz con Pollo (Rice and chicken). Of course, Jane could only eat a little of what was cooked, so the rest went home with the neighbor to feed her family. They communicated using Google translate as Jane wrote out recipes, including the chef's special secrets. The poverty level at this time in Costa Rica is the highest level since 1992.

Presently I (Les) am in Alaska claiming the newly donated church bus. It is a really nice diesel bus. New in Costa Rica it would cost around \$100,000. I am going through the bus now, and, as a diesel and aircraft mechanic, I find the bus to be in excellent condition. It is a 30 passenger, 5.9 Turbo Cummins diesel, with a Freightliner chassis, with not even a trace or drop of oil on the bottom of the bus anywhere. Many people walk in Costa Rica, and we cannot expect a mother with children to walk in the rainy season more than a quarter mile to come to church. We have the one bus we call "Rocky" in Costa Rica already. We had 70 people attending the church just before the virus, and a second bus will only build the church that much sooner.

The drive through Canada to Miami, Florida, and the barge from Miami to Costa Rica is a long trip. The last time I drove the Alcan Highway through Canada in the winter, it was minus 54 degrees Fahrenheit, and I could not miss two Caribou who totaled the car. I may have to wait a couple of months to start this trip for safety reasons. At least I'm not homeless. I have a bus to sleep in, a camping stove, case of spam and sardines, some peanut butter, wet wipes to clean up, 5 gallon bucket porta potty, 6 gallon water container, Coffee & Tea, a minus 40 degree sleeping bag and a sharp machete. I will be okay on the trip southbound when I go. Once at the border the Canadians do not want the bus to stop for food, motels or restaurants, only fuel.



Going on the Alcan in the middle of the winter is almost like crossing the Sahara Desert on a three-legged donkey with 3 pints of water! It should take me five to six days to get through Canada. And I can cook while driving! I can take a meat of my choice, barbecue sauce, some garlic powder, a baked potato, put that all in two layers of heavy-duty tin foil, and lay it on top of the bus exhaust manifold and *Voila!* This is way better fare than Mickey D's! (There is an all-beef hamburger at Mickey D's; they just do not say what part of the beef!) I once visited the Spam Museum in Austin, Minnesota, and I asked specifically what kind of meat, what parts went into Spam. They would not say! So, Spam stands for "**S**mall **P**ieces of **A**nimal **M**eat."

The way I see it - parting shots: The "Deep State" wants

1. Centralized Health Care -- you can control the people
2. Poverty -- increase the poverty level as high as possible. Stimulus checks and other "free" benefits and the "poor" people are easier to control.
3. Debt -- increase the national debt to an unsustainable level. Increase taxes on the "wealthy," and this will cause more poverty due to job loss.
4. Gun control -- remove the ability to defend themselves from each other and especially the government / that way you can create a police state.
5. Welfare -- take control of every aspect of their life -- food, housing, and income.
6. Education -- take control of what people read and listen; control of what children learn in the school.
7. Religion -- remove all reminders of a belief in God from the government and the schools and the universities.
8. Class Warfare -- divide people into racial groups and wealthy and poor. This will cause much discontent and it will be easier to tax the wealthy with the support of the poor.
"Love your enemy, but keep your gun oiled!"
If we can all stay in our lane, there will be no crashes.

Faithfully, your missionaries in Costa Rica

Les Paul Zerbe and Jane Zerbe

P.S. the virus has affected my ability to "timely move this bus to Costa Rica, but I promised a refund to all donors who have donated to date \$4,400 towards the \$15,000 needed in total. I can make it to the East Coast of the United States of America with the \$4,400. But I keep my word. I intend to get this bus to Costa Rica as soon as the weather permits. The number to call me or text me for a refund of your gift for this project is 907-322-8807 and the refund will be sent, no questions asked.

"This is what happens to chickens that stop laying eggs!"

"I don't trust people who don't like fried chicken."



Señor Sam Sez:

"Eat enough Spam and they won't even have to embalm you."



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