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Missionaries in Costa Rica

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Dear friends,

Missed opportunities are often times the worst form of defeat, because the race is over before you get started!

I was reminded by a pastor friend about two years ago that I had mentioned the need of a vocational school for potential Millennial missionaries 10 years ago. And now the school is a dream coming to fruition. Here are some ways this is developing. 1) the entire property is adequate space-wise for this project and is debt free. 2) a horse barn on the property has been converted into a very nice church for the area residents as well as for the students who will come. The church is doing well under Pastor Rick Dove, BIML missionary, who challenged the church to take on their first national missionaries, Brother and Mrs. Alex Taylor, serving in Panama.

3) Our board of directors is being formed by some very special men with some great families. Because of space and our readers' endurance I will share a few of them, one at a time in future letters. The idea here is to keep the school viable for generations to come.

Kevin McCoy, a future board member and director of the Vocational School, has sold his house and vehicles and is now on deputation to raise his family support for this mission project. He's 49 years old and can teach all the subject matter, perhaps 24 subjects in the curriculum. He will be bringing a 40-foot container with a great variety of tools. Kevin has been a deacon, ordained to preach, has been to Alaska to help us build several projects over several years.

Kevin McCoy says: "I guess to sum me up in a nutshell, I'm a servant 'MacGyver.' I was raised by a building contractor, (my dad) and a master mechanic (my granddad). From a very early age, I spent most of my time with one or the other. Building and wrenching are not just 'something to do', but a kind of passion. I attended vo/tech carpentry for 2 years, served 4 years in the US Navy as a fire fighter and chemical warfare specialist (damage controlman), also cross trained as a welder/fitter and attended welding at vo/tech. I have worked in the construction industry for the past 34 years as project manager for 2 companies and owned my own business for 16 years. In these years on the job I have learned a multitude of skill sets. I have also served my Lord in many capacities in the local church for 20 years."



**Above: Missionaries Rick and Shannon Dove
Rachel, Caleb and Natalie**

Below: Missionaries to Panama Bro. & Mrs. Alex Taylor



**Missionaries Kevin and Sonya McCoy
Bethany and Jon**

For years Kevin McCoy has had a work crew under his contractor's license and just knows how to get things done and do them right the first time. His leadership over the vocational school will be priceless. The following is a partial listing of Kevin McCoy's job skills:

Blueprint reading
building layout
block laying
concrete place and finish
framing wood and metal
steel erection and fabrication
brick laying
siding installation
roofing shingle and metal
drywall hang and finish
stucco
trim and cabinets
doors and hardware
electrical
heating and AC

plumbing water and sewer
auto mechanics
off-road fabrication
rescue and recovery
drivetrain replacement
welding and fabrication
heavy equipment operator
firearms instructor
security personal and public
chaplain 1200 member club
deacon
ordained minister
security team leader
preacher / teacher

Kevin has 60% of his needed support. Would your church consider inviting him to share his burden? Note: you really don't even need to meet or have this family in for a conference. Just start supporting his family and ministry so that many potential Millennial missionaries can learn practical skills they need. You would be sponsoring a real need in this modern era. There are many young people who are willing to go but are unprepared. There is such an advantage to starting a ministry, maintaining and seeing the completion a ministry with practical knowledge which undergirds the effort. Kevin McCoy's phone number and his email: Phone **850-777-0097**
mccoysincostarica@yahoo.com

The price of eggs, ah yes! Not too expensive here in Costa Rica. Our chickens eat worms, bugs and all sorts of other things if you recall, including recycled coyote. Those eggs are the best! Hard brown shell and bright yellow yolks that don't break in the cast iron skillet! Fried over-medium with hot buttered toast with guava or mango jam. A decent bed with perfect sleeping temperatures. Except for wars and rumors of wars, all is well.

We are very grateful for your support, prayers and manual labor to further the Costa Rican project. We are formulating some bylaws which are separate and distinct from a doctrinal statement. Feel free to help out here with your suggestions. One such bylaw could read, "Homemade pecan pie shall be served at the conclusion of every board meeting." "Fat-free pecan pie shall not be served any of these occasions!"

Yours for the future of practically trained Millennials!

Faithfully your missionaries in Costa Rica,

Les Paul Zerbe and Jane Zerbe

P.S. Living our lives for His soon return,
planning for the future.

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Señor Sam Sez:

"Joseph was a carpenter; Paul a tentmaker; Peter a fisherman. Millennial vo/tech students???"

