

Reformed ministry in Latin America

Year end report
(almost)

December,
2014

Soli Deo Gloria!

God's mercy

The year 2014 has been a VERY BUSY YEAR for us here in Costa Rica. But that very fact is a sign of God's blessing upon the ministry here. It would be a very different thing if we had nothing to do, no people to prepare for ministry, no conferences to give, no books to print! This, however, is **certainly not the case.**

We can only attribute the hundreds of opportunities for ministry to God's grace, and we can only give Him **all** the glory. And we want that made very clear right at the outset of this report. We are humble servants in God's hands, and only able to do what he permits us to do, or drops into our laps!

Various aspects of ministry

Because God is merciful, He has continued to open door after door for ministry. We believe we are in the stage of **planting**, and our hope is that the future will see a plentiful harvest in Christ's kingdom, which sound doctrine and a biblical orientation will bring. In the meantime, we seek to be faithful planters, faithful builders. Please refer (on the next pages) to the following activities fulfilled during 2014 - and praise the Lord with us!

This is our field of harvest! The entire Americas (and Spain).

CLIR (the Latin American Fellowship of Reformed churches) holds conferences in many countries of Central and South America, and ships books to virtually all the Spanish speaking countries. How many can you name?

Shipping and travel is costly. Your gifts help us move ahead! Thank you!



2014 Ministry Activities

*** Theological conferences * 34 in all! With virtually no expense! (See Financial Report)**

- **International**

- 7 conferences were held in Colombia, Panama, Mexico, Uruguay and Nicaragua
- 8 conference speakers participated
- At our General Assembly we had various conferences, 15 countries were represented and 65 church leaders were present.

- **In Costa Rica**

- CLIR sponsored 27 conferences
- 9 different speakers
- 10 Pastors' Associations were involved
- We had a total of **1823** people reached, mostly church leaders

*** Church planting ***

- Our Pacto de Gracia congregation has seen a growth from 45 to 55 regular attenders, and 7 people are presently in a pre-membership class

*** Theological Literature ***

- Titles printed this year:
 - New titles: 11
 - Re-prints: 22
 - Total printed: 22,000
- Total books shipped to 17 different countries: **15,500**

*** Digital on-line resources developed ***

- Website use rose from 559 “friends” to **1006**
- The CLIR website saw an increase of visits from 641 to **53,413**
- Facebook saw an increase from 280 “likes” to **2549**
- Twitter saw an increase from 17 to **67** followers
- **We have uploaded 141 videos and audio of sermons and conferences!**
- Our YouTube channel went from 267 visitors to **7713!**
- The YouTube channel went from 11 subscribers to **145**

*** Income saw a nice increase for the CLIR budget from Latin America ***

- Book sales made up over **\$22,000** which has been invested back into the printing
- \$6,914 were received from **donations in Latin America**

More news!

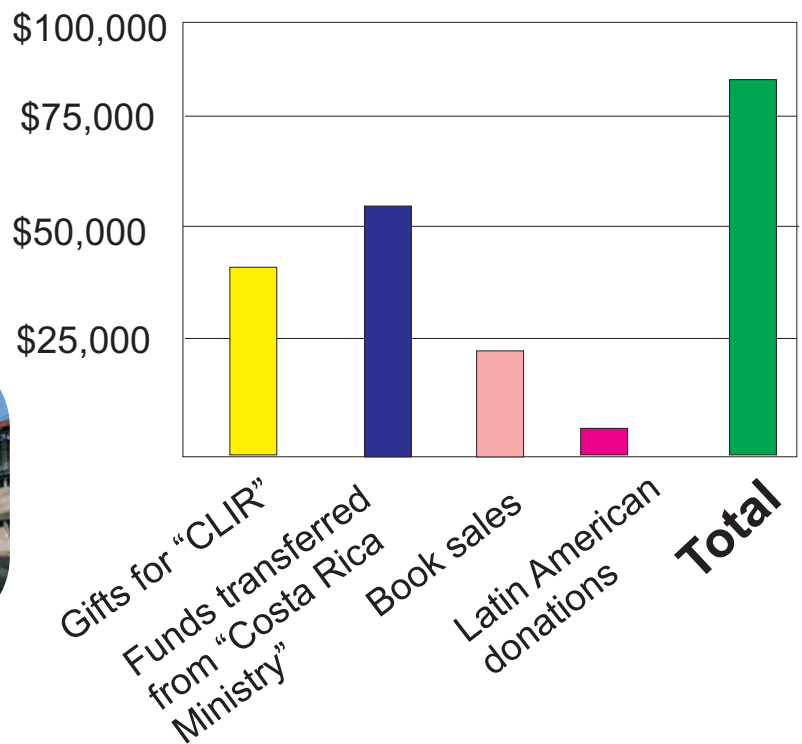
* News from the Tepeyac Christian School *

- The school Association just voted almost unanimously to make a push **to finish the high school construction**. They are asking for volunteers, and the financial help necessary to advance. Please consider helping get the building finished so it can be put to use!
- Some rumors have been circulated that the Tepeyac school does not need the high school building. This is false. Right now there is not enough room for all the sections, and the Principal would like to add *more* English and Bible sections / levels.
- While we are on the “rumors”, some rumors have circulated that the building is structurally unsafe. This also is false. There is a plastered Styrofoam wall that should be reinforced (although it already withstood a 7.1 earthquake just fine!), and regular maintenance of the structural joints of steel and concrete continued. But the basic structure of the building is more than sound. We have already had two major earthquakes and many strong tremors, and there are no structural cracks to be seen whatsoever.
- Another rumor has circulated that up to \$500,000 has been squandered on waste. Such reckless comments have no factual basis. Since the construction has been a long process of 13 years, we must admit that there has been wasted material in sand and concrete washed away by rain, or gone bad before use. We have also had a violent robbery at gun-point which took many of our best tools, as well as other robberies by some of our own employees. Such losses, however, have been more than offset by the many volunteers who donated professional expertise and/ or willing bodies toward labor.



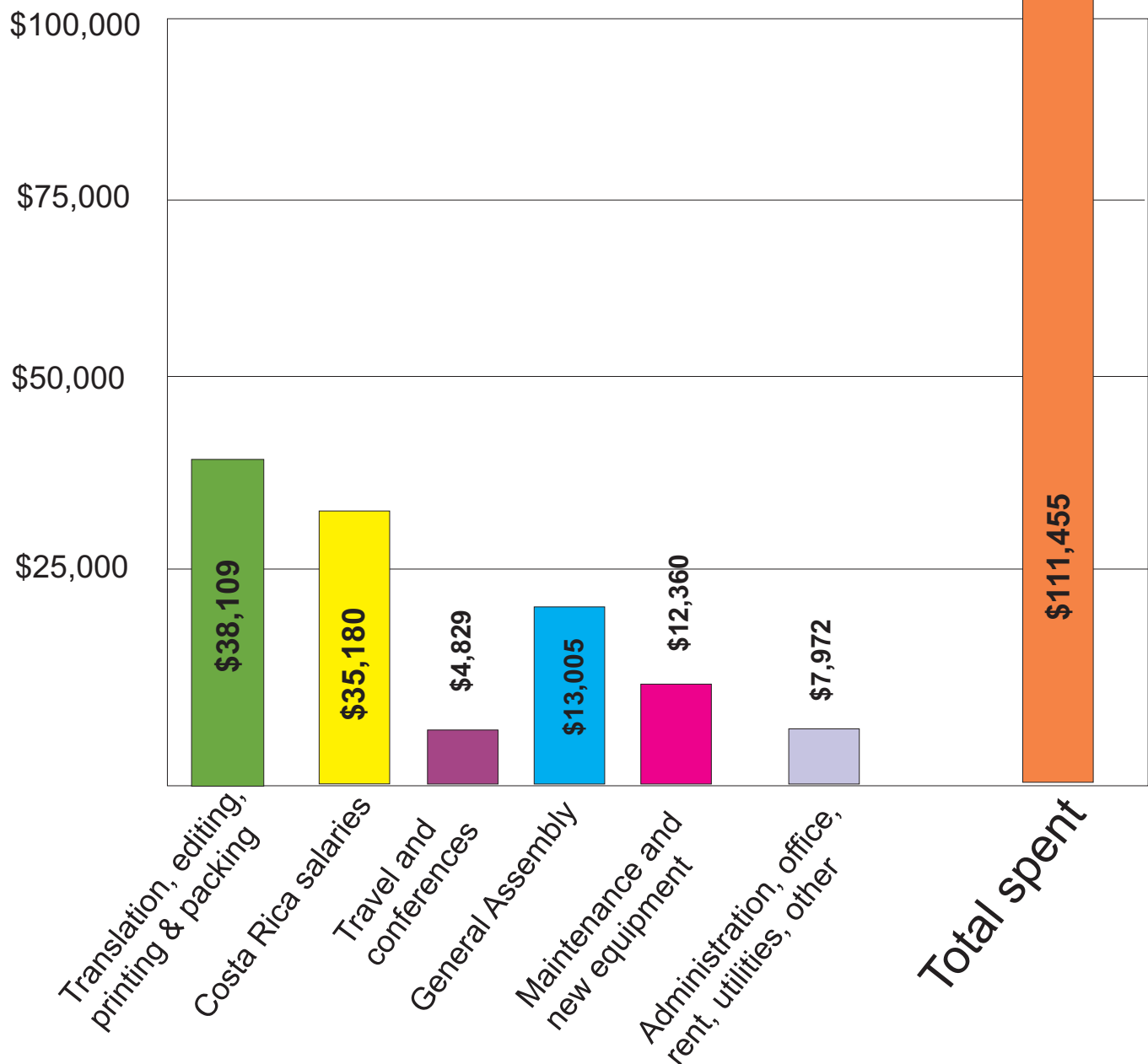
We've come a long way, let's finish the High School!

Income report



Financial Expense Report for CLIR - 2014

(Through October)



* Our actual budget is much more detailed, with many more line items. This graph is generalized, but accurate

* **Important note for deacons! Offerings for CLIR and its ministries should be tagged “CLIR”. Donations that are tagged only “Costa Rica” are put into a general fund and may not reach CLIR.**

* **Offerings for the Tepeyac school should be tagged either “Tuition aid” or “High school construction”.**