



# Mission Costa Rica!

## Rev. Bill & Aletha Green

### *Tabasco is hot!*

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#### Conference for teachers and pastors

97+ degree weather (and humid!) didn't stop some 100 Sunday school teachers, church leaders and pastors from attending the Tabasco Gulf Presbytery's annual training conference.

Together with Rev. Nick Lammé, we gave three days of conferences during the day, and preached at church services and evangelistic campaigns at night. On Sunday we both preached twice in different places. The heat was quite intense, but the enthusiasm, dynamic activity and focused labor of these brethren more than refreshed us!

#### CLIR at it's best!

The "Gulf Presbytery" has often invited CLIR to bring conferences for church leaders, and they are one of CLIR's biggest book distributors. For many years the Tabasco church was mainly a rural church, sort of "protected" from the ills of modern cities. But those days are gone. The internet and the growth of the region have catapulted Tabasco into the "modern" world with all it's pagan influences, and the Tabasco church is now feeling this challenge more acutely..

Rev. Lammé and I were asked to specifically address contemporary issues in the context of church education, something we were eager to do. Many of CLIR's books do just that as well, and both Rev. Lammé and I have written books addressing modern challenges to the faith. We both felt that our classes were very well received, and the literature that we took with us was almost all sold out.



#### A pleasant surprise and a great challenge that we wish to share!

CLIR began the translation of Catechism materials for young people last year. We hope to publish the material developed by the URC soon. The reason we began

this project is that there are no good, Reformed curriculum available for young people - or children, for that matter!

While in Tabasco we met with a committee that the Presbytery established, precisely to produce a whole set of church school materials for children. The brothers wanted to know if we could coordinate with them in the production of this material, and aid them both theologically as well as in the printing aspect. We were thrilled! This is exactly what CLIR is all about. We had several meetings with key leaders and with the entire committee of writers. The Lord has laid upon their hearts a burden for future generations. **Please pray with us for this important project!**

#### The need - it's real and it's urgent!

What are churches using right now? Anything they can find, and most of it is deficient. The United Bible Society produces attractive material, but unfortunately it is pretty much man-centered, and some of the teacher's manuals have pretty weird advice. Just today Rev. Lammé read me a line from one of the teacher's manuals that stated that the adolescent is one who is moving from his "bi-sexual past into the stage of defining his gender". These kinds of dependence on secular, or even pagan, concepts, permeate much of modern material. **Please help us get a Reformed curriculum in print!!!**

## Church education committee meets with Rev. Green =>

The brothers to the right are members of the Presbytery committee charged with the task of developing Sunday school and Catechism materials for their church. They are not happy with anything that is currently available.

I met for an hour and a half with them, and am very impressed with this committee. Most are either educators, pastors, or elders, and fully committed to developing Reformed materials for the church.

At present the Gulf Presbytery and CLIR are working on the possibility of co-sponsoring this material. Please pray for this project!



## Outdoor services and evangelism

Every night in Tabasco was Evangelism and Preaching night! Often I preached to over 400 people, as did Rev. Lammé. One evening outdoors it started raining - but we waited and the rain stopped. The pastor introducing me said that God was testing everyone's faith to see if we'd go home! I guess we passed the test.

Praise God for the dynamic faith of these Reformed brethren! They make good partners for us and for CLIR.

## "Working vacation" anyone?

We have a few particular needs that we could use help with - "hands on" folks needed!

1. Diesel motor installation on our van - soon!
2. Auto body work - paint. Our 1983 van needs it's first re-painting!
3. Some electrical work on cars
4. Some electrical work at school

***If available, contact us!***

## \*\* Upcoming events to pray for \*\*

**Quito, Ecuador** - Courses on the Holy Spirit and other conferences. **September 6-16**

**Costa Rica** - Conference with pastors from the Assemblies of God church in Turrialba - **October 14.**

- Printing of our Journal, *Reforma Siglo 21*
- Printing of several other books

**United States** - visits to churches on West Coast and celebration of Bill's mother's 80th b-day! **November**

**Costa Rica** - "Grace and Truth" conference, Bill will speak on John Calvin's defense of the Gospel. **December 7**  
(Besides 'normal' church services, Aletha's bible studies, discipleship classes and evangelism...!)

***Don't forget to sign up on our website for information and prayer items!***

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