

# Costa Rica news

The Greens  
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## Christ is born!

### Our savior's birth

Various groups and sects in Latin America reject the celebration of Christ's birth, probably influenced by the Jehovah's witnesses and other fringe cults. And there are others who attempt to show that the early Church accommodated itself to the pagan culture in order to win converts.

I'm not willing to die on the hill of the exact date of birth of Jesus (even though there actually are good reasons to date his birth in December). What is totally unacceptable is the idea that the early Christians, who were giving their lives as martyrs for the sake of the Gospel up until the year 313 when Constantine de-criminalized Christianity, would capitulate to paganism to win converts! Many of the delegates at the Council of Nicea (325) had born up under persecution. It is un-imagineable (except for one who knows nothing of church history!) to think that the Christians 'invented' a date

similar to pagan festivities in order to attract pagans (besides, the events don't concur, and there are many other facts that I won't bore you with).

My point in all of this rather lengthy introduction is: "Let's celebrate truly our

Lord's incarnation and birth for His people!" And that is what we are doing in Costa Rica.

### CECRE

Our Christian grade school and high school

(CECRE) put on a WONDERFUL Christmas program this year. From kindergarten to high school, the students participated in songs, drama and choral pieces. The people didn't fit in the auditorium! It lasted for two and a half hours. You should have seen the first and second graders playing Christmas hymns on hand bells! It brought tears to my eyes. Our prayer is that in their hearts the true joy of Christ's birth will continue all their lives long.



# Christmas (cont'd)



## Volunteer teams needed!

God has blessed us with two marvelous buildings that are serving three Reformed ministries: The Christian school, the Pacto de Gracia congregation, and the CLIR printing effort.

Our Costa Rica team and school parents help out with many things. There are still remaining jobs, however that need to be completed, as well as the continued maintenance of a school: desks, painting, repairs, computers, cabinets, etc!

### List of urgent tasks to be done at the school / print shop

- ➔ Build a small guard house
- ➔ Finish stairways and ramps
- ➔ Build a place for musical instruments
- ➔ Build / condition a library for high school
- ➔ More!



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