



December News!

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God is good!

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2016 comes to an end

“Eben-ezer” - God is our help! As we finish this year, we give God the glory and the thanks for manifold blessings on so many people and facets of our work! As we celebrate the incarnation of our Lord, we also celebrate the victory of Christ over sin, the devil, and death. We have seen Christ’s church advance. We have been blessed abundantly in so many ways. To God be the glory!

We also wish to thank all our friends and supporters for being part of the “Rock of help”, for you are used by God to bless the work in Costa Rica. On behalf of all the team here, we say “¡Muchas gracias!”

One-of-a-kind class trip!

The months and days and hours of work by folks in Costa Rica and in Michigan was rewarded by a wonderful, exciting, and successful trip of the Tepeyac Christian school seniors! The Bethany URC and the Little Farms OPC received the whole group of **30 people** with open arms and

warm hospitality. The students experienced cross-cultural activities, participated at the Zion Christian school, visited the Creation Museum and the Ark in Kentucky, stayed with some families, and even saw snow! **Thank you** to all who helped make this a formative trip for all the students! It was a lot of work, but was a tremendous experience for our teachers and students. We hope it was encouraging also for our brethren in Michigan to see some of the fruit upon their labors with regards to CECRE.



Daniel Lobo

CLIR team member

This month's featured CLIR team member is Daniel Lobo. Many of you already may know Daniel - he worked at our Christian School (CECRE) under Aletha for about 5 years teaching English, Science and music, and has now worked with CLIR for the past 4 years. Daniel was a classmate of our son William, so we have known him for many years!

Daniel brings a wealth of different talents to the CLIR team. Importantly, he is a first-rate translator of theological texts, which is one of CLIR's main activities! Daniel has been one of our principal translators of the Calvin OT commentary series. In fact, I know of no other translator who is faster than Daniel. (And he even likes it! Translating is *terrible* work in my opinion, but God has been pleased to give some the grace to actually like it).

Daniel draws - he has illustrated several of our works, and has a whole series in our Journals

un-masking the "super apostles and prophets". Daniel is our website manager, designing and managing our CLIR website, and supervising our Facebook site as well.

He has created videos for CLIR. Recently Daniel has taken over the final editing for all our texts before they go to our book designers. His linguistic skills are very good, and he has been doing a great job.

Daniel is married to Natalia, and together they serve in their church. Praise the Lord for this many faceted and multi-talented young man who brings such a depth of experience and dedication to the CLIR team!



Christmas gifts for CECRE!

May God bless the anonymous donors who have blessed CECRE with these instruments. When the senior class visited Michigan, we put out the word for any donations of instruments, and we received this precious set of trumpets, cornets, saxophones and a clarinet! Wow!

Thank you to each family that donated your musical instrument for CECRE. We all want to hear a marching band here in Costa Rica soon!



Praise and Prayer for December / January

Praise God for a wonderful and successful senior class trip to Michigan!

Pray for upcoming course "Christianity vs. Liberalism" in Mérida, Mexico Jan. 9-13

Costa Rican **red tape** is doing it's best to impede commencing construction on the high school; pray that we can soon move forward!