



# “Plodding”

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## **Babies, Books, and Schools**

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### **“Plodders”**

When William Carey, the great missionary to India in the 1800’s who printed the bible in several languages, was asked how he accomplished so much. Carey said that he didn’t try to run, but that he just made an effort to not stop! He considered himself a “plodder”. What a great motto! We’ve taken it for ourselves: “The Plodders”! By God’s grace we don’t try to run, just keep going.

### **The plodding goes on!**

We returned to find things in good order and marching forward. The Tepeyac grade school now has a MUCH NEEDED roof over the BB court (2 yards of rain fall each year!), which was paid for by the increased tuition amounts due to many more students. Praise!

The CLIR print shop has worked non-stop in my absence, mostly in collating and binding the books that had been printed before our leaving for the US.



### **New grandson! Our fifth! (We’re getting old)**

I’m sure my wife would have put this news first, but I’m saving the best for last! Our youngest daughter, Michelle Rodriguez, and her husband Nick, are the proud parents of Lucas Andrew. And we are the proud grandparents! It was nice to spend a few days with them in Dallas, Texas where they live. Mother and baby are doing great.

### **Home service**

Aletha and I wish, from the bottom of our hearts, to thank all who housed us, fed us, and attended us. We truly experienced the communion of the saints with so many brethren, and have been deeply encouraged.

Altogether we were able to contact 19 different churches and give reports on the work in Latin America and Costa Rica. We trust that all are heartened by good news, and encouraged to help us face the challenges that remain!



# Team partner Brian Bolt

God has brought many people together for the work in Costa Rica, each one with specific talents, gifts and personality. We rejoice in the variety of people that surround us, and we know that we are enjoying a foretaste of heaven, where all God's multi-faceted creatures will serve our Lord joyously!

One member of the team in Costa Rica who is not given sufficient credit is Brian Bolt, originally from Thunder Bay, Ontario (Canada). He is married to Dina Campos, a Costa Rican grade school teacher. Brian has offered to be our "everything fix-it man and general coordinator" guy! His former jobs in Canada included farming, welding and school maintenance - which prepared him perfectly for work with our school and printing operations. Brian is always called upon when things break down, and has a weekly schedule at the grade school for maintenance, repair and upkeep.



Having worked on farm equipment, cars, motorcycles and having built and flown his own airplane, Brian is well qualified to help us out with our vehicle repairs. In the picture shown, Brian is finishing up installing the alternator on the van, which needed to



be rebuilt. Costa Rica has rigorous inspection laws, and every vehicle must pass a 40 point inspection every year (which has turned into a money-maker for the government, mostly). Brian is a life saver for us, as he prepares the vehicles and takes them to inspection. When my AB Dick presses need repair (Brian calls them my "Moby Dicks"), Brian is always available night or day.

In the "old days" Aletha and I were the ones involved with all the logistics of the work teams - from picking up groups at the airport, to housing, food, materials, translating, etc. I think you can imagine the burden on Aletha after working for the entire school year, then receiving work teams for all the vacation months. Brian now covers all these duties with the work teams, remaining on-site with the groups and making sure materials are available. He also helps coordinate the schedule and dates for work teams. In all these areas Brian's help is invaluable.

Many churches wouldn't call Brian a "missionary", but let us not get bogged down with terminology. This man is as necessary and useful as all the rest of us if our work is to continue forward. He currently receives a monthly offering from our school and CLIR fund, but has not been "adopted" by any specific church for financial support. We would like to see that change. If you are in a position to discuss this with your deacons, please consider placing Brian and his wife on the list for support. Feel free to communicate with us about any details: [clirprint@gmail.com](mailto:clirprint@gmail.com)