

# Reformed ministry in Latin America

News from the Greens  
-Costa Rica-

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¡Muchísimas gracias!

## CLIR ends the year in the black!

For the first time in many years, CLIR ended the year in the black. We put out the word in November that we were some \$30,000 short of budget - and it all came in by the end of the year! A big “Muchas gracias” (Thank you!) to all who so generously gave for this ministry! We praise the Lord for all members of this “team”, and we are very well aware that our work in Costa Rica is indeed a team effort!

## Work teams coming!

It's that time of year! Cold in the north, nice in Costa Rica, and no rain (usually). This year we have volunteers scheduled from Rock Valley - Iowa, Grand Rapids - Michigan, Lynden- Washington, Lacombe - Alberta and Winnipeg - Manitoba. Praise the Lord!

**Right top foto** - The usual preparations for our work teams - Aletha ran all the blankets through the washer and dryer, and put the pillows out in the sun. So everything is fresh and clean! We are ready for any other groups, just in case you are interested!

**Right bottom foto** - Brian didn't really dig that big hole with a shovel! We used our trusty backhoe for that. He's inspecting the sewage tank for the final work of putting the top on. We are counting on help from volunteers for cement work, as well as replacing some gutters, and continuing with construction.



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# “Ministry Center” news

## Pushing forward with the construction

Every “summer” (the dry season in Costa Rica) we try to advance a bit more with the construction. Our goals for the future use of the building are expanding, including use by the Pacto de Gracia congregation, the Tepeyac High School, and CLIR’s print shop. We hope that this building will be a “Kingdom Factory”, supplying space for educational classes and many other activities as well. God has provided a large property, a large building, and there is great potential for many uses! **Please pray for the advance of this project!**



Work day at the High school construction site and Pacto de Gracia church

The printing presses that we have are old, rugged presses, but once in awhile need repair. Jim Jager from Little Farms OPC donated a lathe that helps keep us running!



**Gifts can be sent to:**

Bethany URC  
Attn: JVC  
5401 Byron Center Ave SW  
Wyoming, MI 49519

Thunder Bay United Reformed Church  
PO Box 32012, 572 Arthur St. W  
Thunder Bay, ON P7E0A1  
Canada

## Financial needs for this year

- \* We are still working on the shipment of a container with machinery for CLIR’s printing ministry. Donations can be marked “container”
- \* The high school construction fund is quite low. Please consider giving the construction a “boost”!
- \* Conferences and travel
- \* Translations, publishing, and printing costs.
- \* Tuition aid fund for Reformed families



# Fotos of first day of classes - a packed house!

Over 150 students are enrolled for this school year. The opening service in the Tepeyac church was well attended, we have many new students this year, and a great teachers' team. Please pray that Christ will be the Supreme Teacher in all our classes!



Didier Flores, school principal, gives opening address

## Testimony of an alumnus

My name is Harvin Briceño, member of the Los Cuadros Reformed church, I am married to Joselyn, and I have just been elected as President of the Tepeyac School Board.

It is a true joy for me to serve the Lord as part of the school ministry. I was a student of our school during a good part of my childhood, and I was taught Reformed theology and worldview, something sadly lacking in other schools. I consider it an honor that God in his sovereignty has chosen me for this work, for I know the difficulties we face. But I also know that the Lord will guide us to the right decisions, that we might continue forward with the mission God has placed before us.

May God bless each one of you!

Harvin Briceño R.



Harvin and Joselyn

**Financial situation continues to be difficult for many**

About 20 families removed their children for financial reasons. Costa Rica continues to experience financial pressure. We have a large list of Reformed families who are asking for tuition assistance also. If you can help with this, it will be greatly appreciated! You can tag your gift as "Tuition assistance". Thank you!