

News from the Greens

January, 2013

*For I am not ashamed of the Gospel,
for it is the power of God unto
salvation... Romans 1:16*

Travel update

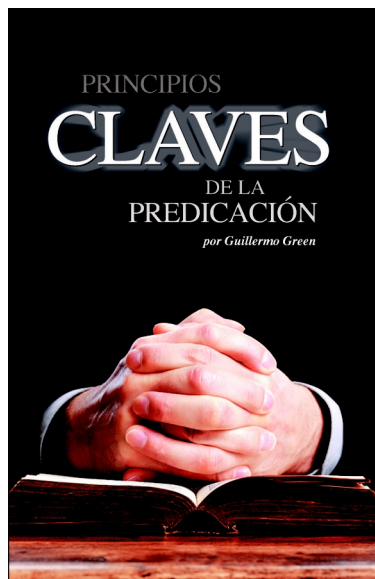
The Lord has kept us safe in our 10,000 mile trip from southern California, up the Pacific coast, through Canada, Minnesota, Iowa, and to Michigan. We have met many new friends, renewed old acquaintances, and enjoyed fellowship with over 25 congregations! We are finalizing work and travel details with our calling church here in Grand Rapids, and plan to return to (warm!) Costa Rica in mid-February.

Church response

We are overjoyed and very humbled to learn of the end-of-year giving by so many churches and individuals. The financial “boost” that we needed so much has begun, and we praise the Lord and we **thank you all** for the great generosity shown for the work in Costa Rica. We

are returning not only refreshed in body and spirit, but

*Latest book by
Rev. Green on
preaching. It is
an introduction to
preaching that
will be useful for
pastors and lay
leaders.*



*After visiting 26 churches, we say “¡Adios!”
We are heading for Costa Rica soon.*

very encouraged with regards to our ministry as well. Please keep Costa Rica in your prayers as we move into this new year.

The front line

The front line of a battlefield is where the most casualties occur. The Costa Rica ministry has been sort of a “front line” battle from the outset. There was no Reformed church in this country, nor any of the Christian institutions we take for granted. Many evangelicals in Costa Rica are antagonistic to historic Protestant doctrine. The work of church planting and the Christian school has been an arduous battle for many years. We have experienced many victories, but it hasn't been without personal and financial cost to all involved.

We are grateful to God for the thousands of brothers in the US and Canada who have committed to helping shoulder the burden. May our only cry be: “Onward Christian soldiers...!”

For deacons only

It has been a true blessing to meet with many deacons during our travels, and Aletha and I are very thankful for your kind attention to the concrete financial needs of the Costa Rican ministry. Already many churches have responded with much needed gifts and offerings. We are very grateful for this rapid response!

Please keep Costa Rica in mind. As we return to the field, we tend to get occupied there and sometimes communication lags behind. We still have significant work to do in these coming years. CLIR needs to get back on its feet financially, and the high school construction needs to be completed so we can put that behind us. Please keep these mission causes before the congregation! And thank you once again.

**Don't forget to visit
our website!**

www.reformedmissions.org

*(Thanks Ken and Josh for your
help on our webpage!)*

Prayer requests

- * **For the Green's return to Costa Rica , traveling safety**
- * **For the Pacto de Gracia church, and some members who are discouraged**
- * **For the Tepeyac Christian school which starts classes in February.**

PRAISE:

- * **Good year's end offerings!**
- * **Faithful brothers and sisters in the Lord everywhere!**

Sorry!

We apologize to all the churches we were not able to visit on this trip. We hope to see you on our next home service – or you can visit us in Costa Rica!

Contributions can be sent to:



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