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Running the race - with patience

I recently preached on the biblical concept of “patience”, which is different from what many think. Biblical patience is far from a passive attitude, just ignoring the situation in order to survive. We suggested as a synonym for patience the following term: “perseverance in hope”. This transfers our attitude from seeing only the difficult situation to seeing God in Christ advancing His mission, He who has promised that His kingdom will prevail. Therefore our attitude is different, and our actions are different.

Over the years we have seen many people not persevere. But we rejoice in the Lord for those who have - both here in Costa Rica, and you in the north who are reading this letter! Our hope is not in ourselves, but in Him who promised to be with us to the end, and who’s promises are “yea and Amen”!

**Please praise the Lord with us for
all the “perseverers”!**

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**First deacons ordained in
Rev. Lobo’s church “Sola
Gratia”. Praise!**

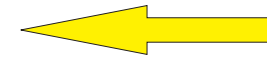


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Church and school activities

“Persevering” in every day work



Pot luck dinner at church shared with volunteer team from Grand Rapids, Michingan. Our Pacto de Gracia church enjoys fellowship. This is also a great time to get to know any visitors. God continues to bless our congregation with new members.



Champions of a math competition that our math teacher put together. All the High School grades competed with their best students. 9th grade won. These events are great for the students, and real team builders. The whole class gets behind their “heroes” and supports them (very noisy)! Next we will have a public reading and spelling competitions.



An integral part of our Christ centered Christian education is the emphasis on learning to be stewards of God’s image. This year cell phones have been completely banned, and our teacher team is making a great effort to develop attractive and wholesome learning activities which stimulate and encourage.

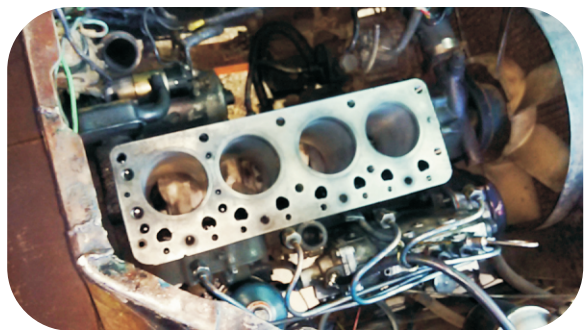
The Underground Church

Our son William and their family organized a night activity for young people, imitating the persecuted church. “Clandestine” congregations had to take a memorized Bible passage to a “Safe house” without getting caught by the guards. If caught, they were “tortured” in order to make them forget their Bible passage. Three “churches” competed to see who could correctly take their Bible texts to the Safe House. We had over 100 people participate for 3 hours! There were only two wounded (!). Afterwards we had supper and a bonfire. Parents and kids said they want another one! Besides being a learning experience of the persecuted church, these things provide fellowship for many.



Church Bus gets an overhaul!

My son William made a major donation of time and effort to the ministry (last year). New pistons, rings, bearings and a valve job on the bus. Now its weekly trips to church full of members is a “bit” faster (for those of you who know our bus!!) And it smokes a lot less!



“Phone free” school - what an idea!

(The best idea ever!)

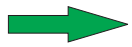
I have given three conferences on the proven superiority of physical books over digital media, and the proven dangers that telephones are causing especially in the younger generations. My conferences were given to all our school personnel and to parents and kids. I've convinced our school Board to outlaw phones completely, and many were surprised by the whole-hearted support we received from the parents! We are providing alternative activities for breaks, and the kids are indeed blossoming! Who would have imagined!



The students at CECRE actually enjoying one another's company! God is giving us a great year so far - united personnel and motivated students. Pray for the families of the school - many have struggles of one kind or another.



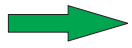
Opportunities for praise, prayer and giving - 2025



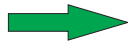
We want to thank all who prayed for our enrollment numbers! CECRE didn't reach the full amount, but God brought enough students that with adjustments to our budget, we should be able to make it through the year. Pray for our school families - many marriages and homes have profound spiritual and familial needs - and this affects the students also.



Praise for the first two deacons ordained in our daughter church, the "Sola Gratia" congregation. Please pray for pastor Lobo, his wife Natalia and their family.



Please pray for my trip and conferences to Merida, Mexico the end of June. A very important and large presbytery of Merida will be officially joining CLIR. They are committed to fulfilling a financial contribution, as well as helping with book distribution. Praise!



Please pray for our William Farel Seminary classes. Our son William has just finished an 8 week Hebrew class for 10 students (not all passed). Our Seminary Director, Fernando Obando, is doing a marvelous job at coordinating professors and classes. I will start a Homiletics class in April. Praise and prayer for the Seminary!

Family news

We want to thank you for your prayers for our health, and we can tell you that Aletha and I are doing well, both able to carry a full load once again (!) Besides the wonderful visit of our six grandchildren (Willam / Amber), Aletha keeps busy with school, Sunday School and the ladies' group. All our six grandkids went to our CECRE school for two months. Corianna is now in High School, and very competitive! (see pics)

