

Costa Rica Mission

The Greens
Costa Rica

September, 2025



Plodders?

I once read that the great William Carey, missionary to India and known as the “father of modern missions” was asked how he accomplished so much. Carey learned several native languages, founded a printing press to print bibles, and was active in many aspects of his mission. Carey responded, “I don’t run; I just try not to stop. I consider myself a plodder”.

What a great life-motto! Plodders! We don’t run around hysterically, we just try not to stop. And isn’t that what the Lord asked of us. “After you have done all that is asked of you, say ‘unworthy servants are we.’” Each day will have its own trouble. Seeking first God’s kingdom today should be our concern.

We praise the Lord for many other “plodders” that He is raising up alongside us. Enjoy some of the pictures we include here. Also please see the prayer requests and we ask that you include these in your weekly prayers.



Baptism of Alejandro, and profession of faith of his wife Valeria. They are a delightful couple, newly wed. Alejandro is taking courses in our Seminary already - a good student!



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Fotos of fellow plodders along the way!



Our most recent new members, received August 2025



**Biblical masculinity
ina feminized world**

The feminist movement has wreaked havoc with the concept of biblical masculinity, especially for young men. I recently gave a conference on this topic, and to our great satisfaction, we pretty much filled our auditorium! There is a lot of interest in this topic. Our CLIR conferences, printing, and of course our Christian school are all on the front lines of this battle!

Cultivating plodders!

Every year during September, the month of the Bible, our Christian school has our famous “Torch competition” - a competition between classes on Bible knowledge. It is all very formal, with judges and all. The best students from each class compete against others from the other classes. This is an entire week event, with daily run-offs. And the final is a very noisy affair as each class supports their team - you can hear the cheers from far away!



This is one way that our students learn the Scriptures, and have fun doing so. Our goal for CECRE is that each student who passes through our hallways not only know Jesus Christ as their Savior, but can respond to His call to be stewards of their intellect and talents. This can only occur through a knowledge of God’s inspired Word.

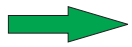


Early this year I started a book-reading club in our house. Our first book was a theological book on the covenants in Scripture, and we had a good crowd of church leaders and lay members as well.

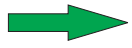
After our trip to the US for a family reunion and vacation time, we opened the club up again, this time with a book on the Bible’s answer to human relationships, conflict and reconciliation. We didn’t fit in our room the very first meeting!.

Next week we’ll have to find a larger place! It is very encouraging to see thirst for God’s Word, especially with this topic which is so needed in today’s broken world. Please rejoice with us, and PRAY that all will continue, and put into practice what we study.

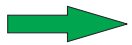
Opportunities for praise, prayer and giving - 2025



We want to ask for prayer for our Christian School, “CECRE”. Enrollment in many private schools is down, and we are under the amount we need. It is urgent that enrollment improve for next year. And with the resignation of our High School principal we are seeking a Christian administrator - a difficult project, especially given our salary. Please support the school in prayer!



Praise for the new members at church. Praise for my trip to Mérida - it was a resounding success. Thank you for your prayers.



Please pray for my NEXT trip to Mérida in October. The brethren are excited about CLIR, our literature, and our guidance in working together in theological education. We are planning a large conference in conjunction with the Yucatan synod meeting. Praise!



Please pray for struggling families who cannot make tuition payments. Consider donating to our “Tuition Fund”

Donations can be sent to:

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Attn: Joint Venture Committee
5401 Byron Center Ave SW
Wyoming, MI 49519

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Association - 1100 - 40th Avenue N -
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Family news!

The Green tribe had its first ever FULL family reunion - all the kids and ALL the grandkids! We met in Indiana and had a lovely time together. The grandkids / cousins had a great time playing together. Since most of our family are soccer fanatics, we finished the event off with a 2 hour soccer ordeal on this beach. The only injuries - a broken toe and a sprained ankle - nothing bad! We thank the Lord for this fun time together!

