

Costa Rica Mission

The Greens
Costa Rica

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God's grace in 2025

First of all, accept our apologies for many months with no Newsletter! Thankfully we have had various successful trips out of the country, but that meant that we weren't able to give an update. Secondly, praise the Lord with us for a tremendous year 2025 with enough assignments from the Lord to keep us busy and out of trouble! And thirdly, enjoy some of the news from recent activities.

We want to thank ALL who continue to remember us and the ministry in prayer, and with your giving! Cards and letters are also appreciated and we thank you for them.



Senior class trip Grand Rapids, Michigan

Ten years ago while Aletha was still Principal at CECRE, our Christian school, we decided that the “End of the year class trip” in Costa Rica was a waste of money. Aletha proposed an “End of the Year Experience” in the US or Canada, where our senior class students would use their English, experience a different culture, and above all, immerse themselves momentarily in one of our Reformed communities. Every year has been an amazing success, with the students able to broaden their vision of the world, but above all, experience covenantal communities (churches, home, school, rest homes), which many do not have. During the trip we provide tools by which the students are led to evaluate and analyze their experience in the light of their own context. A huge success!



Our seniors presented a typical folklor dance at a rest home. The elderly fell in love with our kids!



The 8th graders at Borculo Christian wanted to try on the Costa Rican dresses and try the dance! Lots of fun!!!

Thank you to the Little Farms OPC for hosting this year's class seniors!

Our seniors presented Costa Rican culture at three different schools, visited a Christian college, visited a rest home, attended church and participated in regular family activities for 10 days. **We consider this experience very important for their future!**



Two years ago the brethren from Edgerton, MN spoiled their group taking them shooting. (Costa Ricans don't have shooting as a sport). Ever since then the news got out, and each new class “demands” to shoot! Most have never touched a gun, but they love it! A brother from the church provided shells and clay pigeons. Thank you! The group now thinks they are warriors! (Costa Rica does not have an army - interesting background!)



Reformation fruit!

As many of you know, our CECRE school and Reformed community celebrates the Reformation for almost a month. We have bible competitions (VERY competitive!), theater, and many activities focusing on some aspect of the Reformation and its fruits. This year we studied John Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress, complete with dramatizations.

Farel Seminary - our Reformation celebration ends with a joint service for many churches on Saturday evening. This year we celebrated the graduation of two seminary students from our Seminary with theological degrees. One is an elder from Lester's church (Lester is administrator of CLIR, and also a pastor).



Seminary graduation

Competition winners



We had a GREAT turnout of parents for the Grade school Final Presentation of Reformation Day.

Some of our quite young students put on an incredible play of Pilgrim's Progress.



We ask for prayer

It isn't hyperbole to say that our classrooms are on the front lines of the spiritual battle, and a true mission field. Almost 50% of our students come from broken homes. Others don't have biblically sound church homes. When you add to this the cacophony of voices through social media, you understand. Please pray with us!

Other news

Please honor with us the memory of Teresa Sbravati. Known affectionately as “Doña Tere”, she was our first and most faithful member in Pacto de Gracia. She celebrated her 82nd birthday, and went to be with the Lord two weeks later, with little suffering. We miss Doña Tere terribly, but rejoice in her testimony. Pray for her two sons, Alex and Luis, that they might be touched by their mother’s life and return to the church.



Doña Tere

Baptisms and weddings!



Praise and prayer items:

- ➡ **School year end** - CECRE has concluded it's school year (November). The Lord provided some outside financial help (the Tuition Fund), which helped us make year-end payments. But the financial situation remains very difficult. **Please pray with us for 20 more Christian students for the 2026 school year. And PRAISE for a new High School principal!**
- ➡ **Conferences last year - thank you for your prayers! All conferences were great successes!**
- ➡ **Commitment - the world's pressure for materialism and comfort is affecting many of our church members. Please PRAY for greater commitment in family, church and kingdom.**
- ➡ **Health - We praise the Lord for a good measure of health. But we ask for prayers for our daughter-in-law, Amber Green, who still struggles with cancer and other effects.**

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