

# Costa Rica Mission

The Greens  
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## Blessings and challenges - 2026

In spite of the Costa Rican national crisis of plummeting birth rate, God continues to bless our church with covenant children one after the next! Three recent baptisms and another mother expecting is a growing anomaly in our country. Costa Rica has closed approximately 200 public schools in the last ten years, and continues to reduce class sizes. Our Christian school has been severely affected. Many Costa Rican women have bought into the feminist lie, so every baby we receive into our congregation is a SPECIAL gift! A sign that our ladies are rebelling against the lie!



# CLIR ACTIVITY AND PROJECTS - ATENCIÓN!

All readers of these newsletters can be very proud of the CLIR team and CLIR efforts that are supported by your gifts and offerings. The team is a tight knit, committed squadron focused on our mission of serving the Church in Latin America in specific ways. That includes uniting Reformed denominations by communication, conferences, and mutual sharing of resources (human, literature, theology). A very important aspect of CLIR's efforts is the publishing ministry, which is putting into Spanish classic Reformed works never published (such as Calvin's commentaries, works of Warfield, Vos, Bavinck), as well as much needed apologetic and worldview material. Thank you for the important support you give, and please keep us all in prayer.



*CLIR prints roughly 3 complete books a month. The presses never stop! We now have 20 commentaries of the OT by John Calvin in Spanish. The CLIR administrator, Lester, recently printed these copies. Now ready to ship!*



*After Lester prints the paper, Daniel Loria and Getza take over with the folding, collating and binding. Daniel has been with us since High School, and not only can run all our machinery, but also does the repairs and maintenance (an important talent given some of our older machinery!)*

*Daniel is a perfectionist (a great trait in a print shop!), and a true asset to CLIR.*

*Here Daniel is showing our recently printed work by Louis Berkhof on "The Life of the Jews in the OT".*

*Praise the Lord for our committed and capable team of workers here in the print shop.*

# More about CLIR - important projects this year!

We believe in books. God chose to reveal himself fundamentally in two forms - in the person of Jesus Christ, and in a book, the Scriptures. We believe that those means are still the principal means of the kingdom - PEOPLE and the BIBLE (and **books** about the Bible!). CLIR (*the Latin American Fellowship of Reformed churches*) is about people and books. Since 1997 when I (Bill Green) was appointed as Executive Secretary of CLIR, we have helped organize and/or sponsor theological conferences, assemblies, courses and events in **17 Latin American countries**. And since establishing CLIR Publishing we have shipped Spanish literature to over 21 countries around the world.

However - the world is changing rapidly. Some things help CLIR's ministry, like the ability to receive payments by credit card or transfer. This was not available for us in the "old days", and I remember receiving a few dollar bills purchased on the black market in Bolivia, wrapped in carbon paper to avoid detection - all to pay for our famous Journal, *Reformation Century 21*. But today we face another monumental roadblock - the cost of shipping. It costs \$8 US to ship one small book anywhere. That is **double** what it costs to print it. The cost of shipping is radically changing the book market. **New solutions must be found**. Our goal is to establish **warehouse centers in Mexico, Panamá and Colombia**. We have good contacts in each country. This will allow CLIR to make one large shipment, saving thousands of dollars. Then books would be distributed from inside each country. We are already set up in Mexico with a

bank account and personnel in charge. Now we need to ship the books. Panama and Colombia are almost ready.

**Please pray about these challenging projects! And we appreciate your giving toward these goals.**

Contact us for specific details if you are interested in supporting!



**The CLIR bookstore in Costa Rica, very nicely arranged, making our literature available for pastors and leaders locally. Reina can find any book you need!**

# Christian School news

Our school year has begun, with lots of lively students back in class! We have a new High School principal, Andrés Miranda. Enrollment is stable from last year - 182 students - still below the 200 students we ideally need. But we are trusting the Lord and putting all our energies into the task at hand. In the photo at the right you see a VERY NOISY math competition of the best math kids of every grade. 7th grade gave the rest a run for their money, but 10th grade won.



## For Deacons

→ The Costa Rica ministry has a few different facets, and you can contact us for more details if so desired. Two of our main budget needs are for **CLIR** (conferences, translation and printing) and the **Christian School Tuition Fund** (presently serving 33 families with assistance). We are thankful for the generosity of God's people last year! The Costa Rica mission has always been a joint effort of many. May God bless each one!

## Praise and prayer items:

- **Conferences last year - thank you for your prayers. The Lord blessed us greatly with conferences in Mexico, Guatemala and Nicaragua.**
- **Book warehouses in Mexico, Panama and Colombia - pray for the resources and personnel to make this happen. We believe that this will be a huge step forward for literature distribution.**
- **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 and family - We praise the Lord for a good measure of health. Please keep our son William and his six children in prayer as he makes plans for his family now without a wife and mother. It won't be easy.**

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