

Costa Rica Mission

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Advances and challenges

We know from the history of Christianity that many times tremendous advances in the faith have occurred in the midst of huge adversity and challenges. If we think only of the time of the Reformation, this was certainly true. This historical perspective is always necessary. Open doors are often offered with enemies just in front. I've recently finished a laymen's course "Forming a Christian culture for our families", and in it I point the reader to Psalm 66. This Psalm talks about enemies of God's people, but first urges the reader to give glory to God for his awesome works (vs. 3). God's power and majesty must be the lens through which we view the world and our mission! We don't live by human "optimism", but by divine promises! "Shout with joy to God...!" (66:1)

All new website for information, donations and more! Please visit!

We thank Al Rumph of our Mission Committee for the time and effort to design this website. Thank you Al! And we hope everyone will visit the site. Let us know your comments. **This is one example of ADVANCES!**

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Challenges

I've been asked some five times to speak on the challenge that our smartphones and the internet present. The result has been a booklet for laymen on "Forming a Christian culture". During my rest at home

from an operation on my retina, I was able to complete this work, along with study questions. I believe that many in the Church are unaware of the extent of danger that phones present - not just in the content, but how

they are damaging our very psyche and cognitive faculties. God created us to be wise stewards, and we must combat all enemies! Order your copy now! :-) (Only in Spanish)



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CLIR ACTIVITY

- Advances! -

In 1997 the Bethany URC (Wyoming, MI) called me (Rev. Bill Green) to serve a newly organized Fellowship (CLIR) of confessional, Reformed churches in Latin America. My 13 years of prior experience in Central America had prepared me for this work, and I was thrilled to accept. Since that time God has allowed the CLIR to embrace some 14 denominations and many ministries such as Seminaries, book publishers, radio ministries, and others. Our principal goals are the coordination of theology professors and materials, the encouragement and training of church leaders through conferences, the coordination of missions, and the advance and defense of the Reformed faith through publications (literature and on-line). We have a small, efficient and committed team here in Costa Rica, as well as our “Center of operations” - the print shop, communications, translation, editing and administration. By God’s grace we have printed over 260 titles of original Spanish books by Latin authors, as well as many translations of Reformed theology. **There are open doors for book distribution in all countries! (Advances)** But, the cost of shipping has become exorbitant. **(Set back!)** Your gifts and offerings help these necessary efforts move forward.

Conference in Peru

Fulfilling our goals: a pastors’ conference in Peru. We had pastors from Peru and Bolivia attend from various denominations. The topic was “**Creation, Providence and Stewardship**”. We also were able to establish a new contact for book distribution. Praise!



Our speakers, CLIR team and coordinators



CLIR conferences are always an ideal time to present some of the 260 theological and educational literature we publish



*The participants in our historic first Andean CLIR regional Assembly. Complete success! Some brothers traveled **30 hours by bus** to come!*

The Costa Rica Reformed Christian School - CECRE

Financial update

In past newsletters we have shared that Costa Rica's population is in free fall. The present growth rate is less than 1.5 children per woman, and we face a similar situation as many Western countries of an aging population and less young people. In fact, Costa Rica has closed more than 200 public schools in the past ten years! At the same time, the cost of living has soared. We are thrilled that God is giving us "courageous mothers" in our church who have not succumbed to modern ideology. Just this past Sunday another couple announced they were expecting a baby. We now have two mothers expecting!



However, the decreasing population of students has affected our school as well. For the past four years we have been at the bare minimum of students necessary to cover expenses. We have not been able to raise salaries, and have consequently lost teachers. We have left maintenance unattended. And worst of all, we have received more and more families with children in our churches, but they are unable to cover tuition for their kids.

The \$80,000 USD **Tuition Fund** for Costa Rica has been a tremendous help for up to some 30 students which receive different degrees of assistance. But we have 50 students needing assistance right now, and there are some 10 to 15 more kids just in our own *Pacto de Gracia* church which should be taking advantage of our school.

Our congregation assists parents with enrollment, books and uniforms at the beginning of the year, but is not able to help with monthly tuition, which right now runs around \$440 USD.

The Request

Alongside the **Tuition Assistance** fund, CECRE has created a **Sponsorship Program** which will provide tuition assistance for special cases and students that the Fund cannot cover. We ask that you consider giving to the Tuition Fund, or if you desire to sponsor a student please contact Aletha Green at: alethagreen@hotmail.com for more information. Gifts can be sent by check to the addresses below tagged "Tuition" or "Sponsor", or donate through our new website. The annual cost of tuition is \$4600 USD for Elementary school, and \$5150 USD for High school. Thank you very much for considering promoting a Christian education. We are convinced of this need in order to build a Reformed community for the future! CECRE is producing fruit for the kingdom. Some of our teachers are graduates! Join us with your prayers, and if possible, your gifts, in this important endeavor.

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More exciting news

Unbelievable! Brethren from northwestern Iowa rescued hundreds of school desks, and in coordination with RMS, sent them to Costa Rica in a 40 foot container! Desks have been a long term struggle for us - first with termites in our wooden desks, then the desks coming apart due to poor materials. I think we are set until the rapture with these solid desks! Both our Grade school and High school principals are thrilled.

We want to give a special thanks to all who gave of their time and money for this, and especially RMS which covered the costs of shipping and importation. ¡Muchas gracias!



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 are always being planned. Praise the Lord for a VERY successful conference in Peru, and for plans for Mexico in December, and possibly Colombia in January. Your prayers are needed!
- **Book warehouses in Mexico, Panama and Colombia - *Update* - Our Mexico warehouse is already in operation, and we are soon to ship a LOT of books to it!**
- **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 - I (Bill) had to have a vitrectomy and retina surgery after my retina came loose. At the time I was in California, but traveled to Costa Rica where I've had a successful surgery. Recovery is slow - I'm still under "house arrest", but very thankful for medical technology, for my doctor, and for God's guiding hand. I'm beginning to get my vision back. Praise the Lord!**