



NEWS FROM THE BRANSONS

Serving in Costa Rica | April 2020

Hey y'all! We know it's been a while, but we wanted to say thank you for your love and support. You mean the world to us!

The start of this year was quite busy for us. Since our last newsletter, we now have a new nephew! It is life events like these that make it that much more difficult to live in another country. We are constantly relying on God and His peace to sustain us emotionally and spiritually.

In February, the kids started back to school and the work at Los Robles (the ministry) began! We were facilitating English classes for grades 1st thru 6th. This program is important because it empowers the community and gives them the confidence that they are capable of doing things that seem impossible otherwise. Through our interactions in these classes, we build relationships with the students and their parents. This is the open door we need to share the love of Christ.



The elementary school hallways were filled with noise on the very first day of school, as kids eagerly lined up to become acquainted with their new classrooms and teachers!

As if a new school year starting and the duties as the ministry space picking up weren't enough, we also added moving to a different house into the mix. And then it happened... COVID-19 put a halt on life as we know it! We are under quarantine and travel restrictions, just like you are. The count in Costa Rica is significantly less, but because of the lack of hospitals here, the concern is high.

Amidst all of this, we feel God has called us to still do what we can to help the community we are in. We had the opportunity to help our pastor here learn how to use and utilize Facebook Live.

He is now streaming services live, out of his house, several times a week! We are also assisting him in starting a food bank. Our prayer is that this will help provide food and basic hygiene items to families in the upcoming weeks, as things progress with COVID-19. We live in a working-class community where a lot of people cannot sustain their families without work. As the number of cases increase here, the government is shutting things down and attempting to get people to stay home. We are praying and trusting God for His provision and protection. We are also praying for you. Our prayer is that God continues to meet your needs and keeps you safe as well. Our world needs prayer. Please join us in praying for God's provision, for wisdom, and for healing of this world.

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid, for the Lord your God is with you." Joshua 1:9

As always, we invite you to be part of our team. Pray for us, encourage us, and partner with us financially. Be part of what God is doing and is going to do in Costa Rica! We're excited about what's to come. We love and miss you. Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

- COREY, LINDSEY, COOPER & LONDYN



In January, we spent two weeks at Conversa doing some intensive language study classes!



The documents we had to get in order before we could apply for temporary residency for Corey and the kids came just in time. We rushed down to San Jose and started the process just as COVID-19 started becoming a concern here.



This is Christy, the missionary we are interning with. Cooper and Londyn were so excited to have her over for Easter lunch and to play with them!"



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