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# Requenez-Zeiset family serving in *Costa Rica*



## Beautiful Connections

The past few weeks have gone by so quickly, but time flies when you're having fun and have lots to do! As I mentioned in our last update, a vida220 team from Vidanet is finishing their outreach in Siquirres. We've enjoyed getting to know them, and have spent a lot of time with them, working at the church, youth groups, and playing cards. It's fun to hear their stories, dreams and passions, and how their journey has been throughout the discipleship school. They only have a week or so left, so we're trying to make the most of it!

We started Alpha, a video course for youth with one of the churches up the mountain from the church. Youth from Siquirres are in charge of leading this Alpha, and we love to see them developing their leadership skills and working together in a team.

When we were appointed youth pastors, we decided to create a team to support, encourage and brainstorm together. This team is made up of youth from the church who we believe have great potential, leadership gifts, and would be able to continue COME if we were to not be able to be present. We have recently been meeting with them to talk about how we can be more intentional in reaching out into the community and also strengthen the youth that are already within the youth group. We care deeply for each one on our team, and our desire is to see them continue to grow in the gifts God has given them and encourage them. The other week we traveled to San Jose with them to receive a course about teaching the Bible to youth. They gave us each a book, Reach4Life, a study of the New Testament, which includes topics to create bible studies, and ways to teach the gospel. We plan to apply Reach4Life to COME as a way to teach and strengthen the youth.



As we have made good relationships, there have also been moments of frustration and difficulty as well. We would appreciate your prayers as we work with the leadership of the church to improve what we are doing, and follow God's will. It has not been easy as we have different perspectives, and distinct ways to do things. Please pray that we can live in peace as it says in Romans 12:18. In the difficulty, we have also found favor in two families from the church who have been willing to listen, share, comprehend and pray with us as we have had similar feelings and emotions about what has been going on. We are so thankful to have them in our lives, and they have been a great support since arriving in Siquirres. It's amazing to see how relationships can grow and be strengthened in such a short amount of time.

In our last ultrasound, we found out that we are having a girl! We hit the halfway mark, and we are more than excited to welcome her into this world in 4 months! Time passes by so fast, and we're trying to enjoy every moment of the pregnancy. The doctor said that she is very active and healthy! Our next appointment is coming up soon, on Thursday, May 18th, and we pray it will be another encouraging visit.

God has been so good, and His faithfulness is evident in every moment!

- Emanuel & Leah Requenez-Zeiset



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