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Requenez-Zeiset family

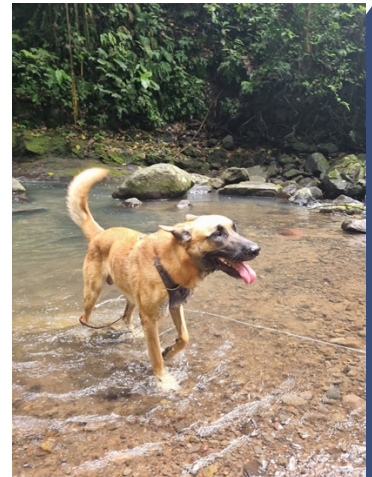
serving in Costa Rica

Time Is Flying!

Each month seems to go by faster and faster! Time is a crazy thing, and sometimes we have to slow down and live in the moment. We've enjoyed and taken advantage of the slower mornings during the week, walking in the mornings with our dog, getting exercise and enjoying the river before we hike back up the hill to return home. Where we live is relatively calm, and there isn't a lot of traffic, and has some very pretty country views. It's a good time to catch up, talk and relax. We often spend the rest of our mornings reading our bibles, listening, and spending time with our Father. Having this time has been essential before we go on with the rest of our day.



Our youth have had opportunities this month to teach during youth group, exercising their gifts, growing, and being pushed a little out of their comfort zones. We love to see them thrive in areas where they might not have felt completely comfortable, and afterwards feel confident and proud of what they've accomplished. We desire to meet more frequently with them, specifically our leaders, and encourage them in their walk with Christ. We hope that this month there will be more opportunities for them to participate and lead youth activities and events. They have also thrived as they have taken charge and responsibility to organize Alpha Sunday evenings. As we teach and disciple them, God has also taught us so much, what we are doing well, and how we can improve. Each youth is different and has distinct giftings, and we want to be able to encourage them well to use those gifts to glorify the Lord.



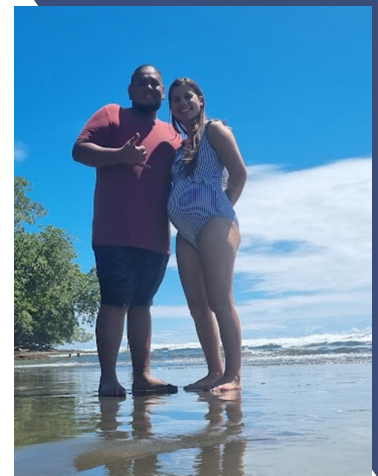
We enjoyed celebrating Father's Day at the beach with a family from church. They've adopted us into their family as we are far from ours, and they've been such a blessing in our lives. It's an amazing blessing to have strong friendships, and share life with others.



Emanuel is getting ready for the exploratory trip to the Dominican Republic on the 27th of July. Preparing for this trip, we were able to buy the tickets, as well as reserve the place where we will be staying, which is close by to where the person who will be our guide lives. To enter the country, we needed to fill out a form, which required a lot of information, and was a complicated process. We were able to receive help from the brother of the pastor who will be going on the trip with us. Which was very helpful since he had traveled to the Dominican Republic before. We are excited to see what God will do during their time there, and what he will reveal as far as our future. We've decided not to make any decisions about whether or not we will move to do ministry in the Dominican Republic until after the baby is born.

We appreciate your prayers, please pray with us in the following:

- Safely as Ema travels to the DR, as well as for Leah as she is at home. Open hearts to what the Lord wants to speak to us and show us, wisdom to make decisions in His will.
- That our finances increase as our needs increase with our growing family.



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