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Requenez-Zeiset family

serving in Costa Rica

New Seasons of Life

We are so grateful for our time we spent with family in December and visiting and reconnecting with friends in January. Although we waited a long time to be able to go to the states as a family, God's timing was perfect. Ema now has his US residency, which includes a social security number and a green card/residency card. To keep it current, we will have to visit the US at least every year, although we hope to do so more often. Camila also has a social security number and US passport, which makes her a US citizen. Thankfully her application process was fairly simple, and didn't take much time. Hopefully we'll be seeing more of PA soon!

Thank you to everyone who helped us during our trip, from providing diapers to letting us borrow clothes due to us not having a lot of winter clothes. Each one was such a blessing, and we are so so grateful. We were happy to be able to see some snow, and bundle up in the cold. Coming back home, it was an adjustment getting used to the heat again. We enjoyed seeing family, especially parents and grandparents who loved to cuddle and hold Camila. There were always plenty of arms, willing to hold her!

We returned to Costa Rica in mid-January, and have been adjusting again to our lives here. Ema has started taking Ju Jitsu and Judo as a form of exercise and self defense, and is enjoying it. The practices are Tuesdays and Fridays, with an optional class that is open to the public on Saturday mornings. Camila had an appointment soon after we got back, and is growing fast! She had to get 3 vaccines, which had us cuddling her for a few days, as she didn't want to be put down. Her sleeping schedule also seems to be changing weekly. We love to see her learn as she grows! She has recently been enjoying staring at herself in a mirror during tummy time. She has rolled over a few times, but isn't at the point where she's doing it consistently yet. We are thankful that she is a healthy baby, apart from a few mosquito bites that look worse than they really are. It's exciting, as she seems to be learning something new every day.

This year we will not be the youth pastors at the church we attend. Instead, we will be focusing on starting a ministry, Living Agape. Our goal is to reach the community, showing God's love in practical ways. Starting events since we've gotten back has been difficult, as we've only been able to meet with those working with us once. We felt we needed to clarify our goal with them, and what we want to do, and how God is calling us to work. With those things being clarified, we told those people to pray about continuing to work with us. One of the couples has decided to not continue, and another we are still waiting to meet with. Our goal is to have all the activities started by the end of March, but it will depend on when doors start opening, and when God puts people in our path to collaborate with us. Pray with us as we make decisions going forward.

For the past few years we have been interns with Globe International. Starting in March, we will officially be missionaries under them, and we are so excited! The main change will be our budget, as before we were receiving only what we spend, and now we will be receiving a 'salary.' Our goal is to raise \$5,500 per month. We are so thankful for those who are already partnering with us financially, and ask you to pray and consider supporting us through donations and prayer. Each one of you plays an important part as we work to expand the Kingdom.



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