

THE HIEBERTS



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Hola from San José, Costa Rica!

After a busy July traveling to see family and friends, we began the month of August by packing and moving from the house we have lived in for the last two years. We were thankful for the generosity of friends who offered their basement suite for us to stay in for our last

two weeks in Canada. Our last visits with friends and family were rich as we were loved up and set out with so much support. We flew out of Vancouver on August 17th arriving in San José around 7:30pm local time. The boys were amazing travelers - excited for the adventure.

Thankfully, all of our bags arrived with us! Our first days here were spent unpacking and settling in. Curtis & Linda (our big brother & sister here in CR) gave us an introduction how to use the taxis, the bus system and how to buy food and necessities for our new home.



THE SPANISH INSTITUTE



OUR NEW HOME



MARKET BOUNTY

Instituto de Lengua Española (The Spanish Institute)

August 25 - 30th was orientation week with all the other students in their first trimester at ILE. During the mornings, the boys attended their own orientation. There were numerous sessions on everything ranging from medical and health information to administration policies and procedures, to an introduction to our teachers and staff. It was a great opportunity to get to know the other students. Most students will stay for 3 "tri's" though some are only here for one or two trimesters.

The Institute is located in San Francisco de Dos Ríos, a middle class residential area on the southeast edge of the capital city of San José.

On August 31st, we had our first official day of classes.

Our classes begin at 7:30am so it has been an adjustment to get up at 5:30am and have our whole family at school and in class by 7:30am! This trimester there are approximately 60 different families and singles from the United States, Canada, Sweden, and Korea. There are 15 different study groups in total. These groups do the series of classes together for the entire trimester: a combination of Grammar, Phonics, and Language. Each block is 50 minutes long with grammar being two blocks long. We (Chris & Angela) are in different study groups but we do get to be in the same grammar class together. We are thankful for the teachers we have this trimester as each one teaches to our learning style and is patient with us as we stumble through our lessons and ask many questions. The work is intense. We have a lot to work on outside of class and have already had our first exam! We have both loved learning so far - with just one and a half weeks completed! God is our rock. He has sustained us and given us joy through all the changes this month.



SCHOOL DAYS

August 30th was the boys first day of school at the Sojourn Academy. Mackenzie is in Grade 1 and Lukas is in a preschool class with other four year olds. The Sojourn Academy is English education with an emphasis in the Spanish language and culture. (Yes, the boys have school uniforms/shirts)



FRIENDS IN THE JOURNEY

We are in San José with other Canadian C&MA international workers - Bill & Nancy Henry and Kelly Dyer. They have become good friends and are our extended family. We are so thankful for them!



PLEASE PRAY WITH US...

For Mackenzie and Lukas that they will continue to adjust to their new school and make friends quickly.

That we (Chris & Angela) will keep focus on Jesus as we take care of our family and study hard. We have been warned that this will be a very intense year.