

Sept/Oct 2010

# The Hiebert Family

Chris, Angela, Mackenzie & Lukas



Thank you for continuing to lift us up in prayer and for your emails, letters, and comments on our blog! We are so thankful that we walk this journey with you!

We have learned so much in our first two months of classes at *Instituto de Lengua Español* (ILE). It is amazing how we can come out of class and feel as though we have come so far and then step out onto the street and realize how little we know. We have both had days where we cannot fit any more into our brains and other days where we can't take in enough.

We are both becoming more comfortable with getting around - giving directions to taxi drivers, finding the proper bus to get where we need to go, getting groceries, and paying bills. However, we wish we could communicate more and hear more of the Ticos' (Costa Ricans) stories. *Poco a poco... (little by little)*

We have also begun meeting with a tutor twice a week. Ligia ('Leehea'),

our pastor's wife, is a very patient and gracious teacher. We are attending a local C&MA church that is about 15 minutes walk from us. The people are kind and welcoming. We are beginning to understand more of the Spanish service but still have a long way to go.

MACKENZIE started taking violin lessons at the beginning of September with one of our classmates from ILE. He is doing well and loves it! He is also settling well into school and church. Mackenzie is enjoying attending children's church even though he prefers Angela to go along to "translate!" He is enjoying all his subjects at school, especially "Spanish" though he does not use many words at home yet.

LUKAS has made friends and is settling well into the pre-school program at the Sojourn Academy. He is very social and loves to surprise us with his random Spanish vocabulary! We have a new funny Lukas story almost every day as he keeps us laughing with his view of life.

## Please Pray...

*For our boys - to grow in their faith and love for Jesus.*

*For a growing love and passion for the Latin American people and their culture as we learn their language.*

*For good health and energy as we study. We are definitely experiencing that language learning is both mentally and physically exhausting.*

*For Chris' upcoming trip with Murray Derksen to Venezuela - that he falls in love with the people and that he is filled with compassion for those that still need to know Him. And for Angela and the boys while Chris is in Venezuela.*

## Venezuela

Chris will be heading to Caracas, Venezuela in a few weeks with our Regional Director Murray. They will be in Caracas from November 2-8. While there, they will meet with Alliance church pastors, the Alliance National Church Board, attend services, meet the people, check out possible places to live and schools for the boys, and just get a feel for the place.

***Please pray that Chris sees Caracas with the eyes of Christ. Pray that this trip will inspire us to dream big and to see with eyes wide open the ways in which we can serve the people of Venezuela.***

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On October 9, we hosted Canadian students and families at ILE to celebrate Canadian Thanksgiving! We played games (photo left), told good stories and ate great food - including turkey!

The following day we were able to celebrate thanksgiving with the C&MA workers in Costa Rica in the Derksen's home.



## Psalm 16

*Keep me safe, O God, for in you I take refuge. I said to the LORD, "You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing." As for the saints who are in the land, they are the glorious ones in whom is all my delight. The sorrows of those will increase who run after other gods. I will not pour out their libations of blood or take up their names on my lips. LORD, you have assigned me my portion and my cup; you have made my lot secure...I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me. I have set the LORD always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay. You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.*



We are thankful to have been able to have a couple of opportunities to get out of the city during the last two months.



We have enjoyed seeing more of the beautiful country of Costa Rica.

## Venezuela Vehicle Fund

♪ *One of these things is not like the other.* ♪ What difference do you see between Murray on the left (*Canadian Regional Developer: Caribbean Sun Region*), Curtis on the right (*International Worker based in Costa Rica*) and Chris? **We are thinking ahead to Venezuela. One of our priorities is purchasing a vehicle. We need your help.** We have begun a Vehicle fund that you can give to through any C&MA church or by sending a designated gift to the national office at *The C&MA in Canada, 30 Carrier Dr, Suite 100, Toronto, ON M9W 5T7.* Please designate: *Vehicle Fund for Chris & Angela Hiebert.* We have decided, in the air of being creative and putting the 'fun' back in 'fund-raising' and to get the ball rolling we'll set a little goal: ***If we raise \$5000 by January 20th, Chris will shave his head! He'll go bald just like Murray and Curtis!*** For more info go to [www.thehiebertfamily.com](http://www.thehiebertfamily.com).



Chris is willing to go bald like these guys - Murray Derksen & Curtis Doell