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The Hiebert Family

Chris, Angela, Mackenie & Lukas



Our family with Venezuela teammate Kelly Dyer

We first met Kelly Dyer at Pre-field Orientation in June 2010. Within our first 1/2 hour at PFO, we discovered that we would be going to study Spanish together in Costa Rica and then go on to serve in Venezuela together. We were thankful when we arrived in Costa Rica to have Kelly here and over the last 8 months, we have grown to love her as a part of our family and also a dear friend.

Kelly is originally from Cold Lake, Alberta where her parents are still living today. She came to know Jesus while attending youth group at Grand Centre Alliance Church and after high school pursued her desire to learn and grow more by attending Canadian Bible College in Regina, Saskatch-

ewan. About 7 years ago, Kelly began serving as Children's Pastor at Community Alliance Church in Sylvan Lake, Alberta and was on staff there until June 2010 when she embarked on this journey as an international worker with the C&MA.

Kelly has a special gift of making people of all ages feel at ease and want to share life with her. Laughter and stories come easily to Kelly and she brings joy and creativity with her in whatever she does. Mackenzie and Lukas adore her and want *and* expect her to join us in all we do!

We know you will be hearing about Kelly in the future so we wanted take time to introduce her to you!

Praying with us...

In Christ

Our first prayer is always that we would grow in faith and love for Jesus.

Language Acquisition

We are finding our progress to be slower than we would like. It has been discouraging at times. Pray for realistic perspective and progress.

Life In Venezuela

We are planning and preparing for our arrival in less than 4 months. There are endless details that need to come together.

Vehicle in Venezuela

Next month we want to bring to focus our need for a vehicle. We want to present the need well and trust God for provision. Currently, vehicles cost double in Venezuela than they do in Canada.

Praying for Kelly...

Language studies

Spiritual and physical health

Her family in Canada

Peace and anticipation for upcoming move to Venezuela

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The last two months have been full of spanish studies, training and preparation for Venezuela, and delightful visits with family and friends...

The begining of March brought with it a very special visit with Angela's parents, Rodney and Vickie Gamble from Saskatchewan along with Aunt Mavis (Vickie's sister) and Uncle Joe from Texas. We had a full class load in the midst of our visit but that didn't put a damper on things.

We thoroughly enjoyed our time together. We let the boys miss some days of school and they spent those days with Grandpa and Grandpa and Aunt and Uncle playing, reading, creating, exploring and spending quality time together.

At the end of March, we had the opportunity to set aside our language learning for 3 days of training to use the program our organization uses for bookkeeping. One of the roles Angela now has

on the Venezuela team is book-keeping. Chris also spent the weekend learning the program so together we feel that we have had a solid introduction. What made the training so valuable was that Laura Smithson, who works in the Canadian Ministry Centre of the Christian & Missionary Alliance in Toronto, came down to Costa Rica to train 5 of us in the Caribbean Sun Region. Laura is such a blessing and we are thankful to have had those days with her.



← Lukas with friends Judah (left) and Ethan (middle)



← Chris & Angela's Gramática Class

← Hieberts with Mom & Dad Gamble (centre) and Uncle Joe & Aunt Mavis (right)

Fearless Explorer Mackenzie and a recently discovered frog



April 20 was our last day of our second trimester of three at Instituto de Lengua Española (ILE). We have a two week break before beginning our last trimester of spanish study. Many of the families with whom we began this language learning journey in August graduated after completing their two trimester program. We are so thankful to have been able to share our time in Costa Rica with these people - they have become close friends. We were honored to perform our first song in spanish

at the graduation ceremony. So this graduation brings with it another round of good-byes for all of us as the boys also have friends leaving. We are helping our boys understand that living internationally brings with it the gift of friends so already our mosaic is growing and we are thankful that our lives are richer because of it.

We celebrated Easter with our Regional Directors. On Easter Sunday, we were able to take part

in a birth of a brand new church! It was an amazing day of celebrating not only the life of Christ but also the life of a new church family. Pray for the two families that are curious about God as they meet together with our Directors every Sunday in Santa Ana, CR.

With less than 4 months left to study spanish in Costa Rica, our hearts and minds are constantly on the transition to Caracas. Pray with us as we make final preparations to go.