

The Hiebert Family

Chris, Angela, Mackenie & Lukas



We arrived in Costa Rica last year on August 17 not knowing even a little bit of Spanish, and we are so thankful to be leaving on August 13 with a good foundation of grammar and a growing vocabulary.

What a year this has been!!!! We have seen God's faithfulness continually over this past year. While language learning has been exhausting and difficult, we have both thoroughly enjoyed the process and have been thankful for this year to focus on Spanish. We have come to love Costa Rica and its people. Both of the boys have shared with us how much they have enjoyed this year - quoting Mackenzie: "This hasn't been a good year, it has been a great year!" We have been blessed and encouraged by visits from friends and family and your emails, skype calls, letters, and care packages.

On Friday, July 29, we had our oral proficiency exam. Today, we gave our last 2 hour presentation in Language class, Friday will be our last Grammar exam and the following Monday, our last Language exam. This Thursday we have an opportunity to minister with music at a transition house for women - *Casa de Mujeres*. Friday, August 12 is our graduation from The Spanish Institute - or Instituto de Lengua Española. And, finally Saturday, August 13, we will be flying to Caracas, Venezuela to begin the next part of this journey!

The next 13 days will go by quickly and we are asking for your commitment in praying for us. We would love to know that we have people praying for us every day in the week before we leave Costa Rica and the week following as we arrive in Caracas. If this is something that you are willing to par-

ticipate in, please let us know and we will send you more information on how to pray.

In our last newsletter, we shared with you our need to raise money for a vehicle in Venezuela. We are so grateful for the ways in which we are seeing God's provision through you. Please continue to pray for us in this and consider giving. At this point there is approximately \$12,000 designated towards the vehicle fund and *the need is \$25,000*.

Again, if you are willing to join our prayer team and can commit to praying one or more days in August, please let us know. Saturday evening we received news that we no longer have a place to stay when we arrive in Caracas. Obviously, this is a huge need, so please join us in praying that God will provide a place for us to stay when we land. And finally, we are thankful that our boys have begun verbalizing their fears and questions about leaving and beginning again - but our hearts ache for them. Please pray for our boys in these next days.

We are so grateful for each of you.

¡Dios te guarde!

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"For Christ's love compels us..."
2 Corinthians 5:14-21

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