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Dear Friends,

June has been the month of the World Cup, which has taken place in South Africa. While Costa Rica narrowly missed participation in this edition, there is still tremendous interest and lots of occasion for good conversation. They especially followed the United States' trajectory, and shared a lot of our own frustrations and disappointments for the red, white and blue. It is one of the times when the great contrasts between our cultures is most evident. **The United States follows many sports fanatically**, but mostly within the confines of our own country. Costa Rica on the other hand, like many nations in the world, has more of a one-sport focus (soccer) which they follow not only locally, but also world-wide. In fact, many of the Ticos will now root for Holland rather than Uruguay in the semi-finals, because a local player, Bryan Ruiz, played on a championship team in the Dutch league this last year, winning the trophy for most goals as well. The USA, by contrast, would consider a football player washed-up if he signed with a team in the NFL-Europe! This is only one example of what makes a thing like the nurturing, training, and equipping of spiritual leaders a little more than challenging, to say the least! While both cultures may have a healthy pride in their accomplishments and initiative, there may always remain a difference in what exactly is worth accomplishing! Even the "obvious" things like discipleship and obedience to Christ may not look the same, depending on who is describing the goal. Please pray for God to do what **He** wishes concerning the maturity of the Body of Christ here!

Points for Prayer:

Pray for the Twitchells as they continue to seek much needed rest.

Give thanks for Sophia Guerra's first birthday on July 5th!

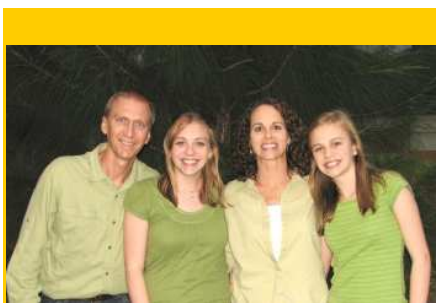
Please remember the Hernandez family in their transition.

Give thanks for a possible buyer for the bus we used for the Institute.

Interns & Church Plant

While we didn't really celebrate the 4th of July here, the Sunday of the 4th was indeed full of activity of another sort. Some time back, a young lady began attending the youth group here named Raquel. Turns out that she had had some experience in other youth groups, but hadn't made a real commitment to Christ. When she attended a retreat earlier this year, she made the commitment to follow Christ in baptism, and has been making a great effort to see the fruit of the Holy Spirit borne in her life.

Raquel invited her parents, Sergio



Continue to pray for the Twitchells as they finish up their furlough!

and Jesse, to accompany her to church service on Sundays, and they've been in attendance regularly for some time now. The interesting thing is that Sergio has ministry ex-

perience from some years back, and we're now in the process of getting to know their family. They were able to host a baby shower for their other daughter, Sharon, on the afternoon of the 4th of July in the church facilities. Pray that God would help us to get to know and to encourage this family, and that God would continue to send other families that will help to mature the Body of Christ here in Tres Rios!

Sí en Cristo,

Edwin & Jessenia Guerra 😊

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