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Dear Friends, Family and Ministry Partners,

Thanks for your on-going support and prayers for our Costa Rican mission.

I want to give a quick overview of our difficult situation [here](#). As Tom Cribbs (Volunteer Support Team Co-Leader) alluded to in a previous newsletter, the Costa Rica mission has suffered a direct hit from an unexpected financial perfect storm in 2010! This perfect storm is the result of the convergence of:

- Mandatory Costa Rican pay raises
- New mandated Costa Rica services to children
- A 20% devaluation of the dollar
  - Inflated cost of goods in Costa Rica
  - Reduced value of donations from the U.S.
- Decrease in dollar giving because of the U.S. economy
- Only one small team came last year.

We are disciplined and devoted to being good stewards of what the Lord supplies, and we thank Him for the financial reserves that have sustained us to today. However, the perfect storm of seventeen months duration has reduced our reserves to near zero. We are encouraged as the Lord sends us help in many small ways. (See [The Lord Provides! Reverse](#).) The Lord has called us to live by faith and we are doing that here and now!

We had a short-term mission team in March that began phase one construction of a secure maintenance building for the ongoing operation here.



We have a long way to go on that project, but we hope that the teams slated to come this year will make good progress on that project so we can announce at the end of the year that it is finished! Again "PRAY".

Last week we rejoiced as one of our children was placed with an adoptive family. (Don't miss [Little Girl Adopted](#) reverse.) This was yet another victory as this Costa Rican family has prayed for 5 years as they actively pursued adoption in their country. To see them find their child, and to see this despondent little 1 yr old girl blossom like a flower in the span of 4 days, was to say in a word, "miraculous"! For confidentiality we cannot say more, but *Cherished Partners*, please know that the Lord is using your offerings to change lives and to bless families.

We will make it through this storm. We have a few mission teams lined up starting in late June through the end of August. Those teams will provide much needed help on [campus](#) as well as much needed cash flow.

My request to you is to help shore up the mission financially so we can make it through JUNE! Please consider what you could do as a [generous one-time only or extra gift designated to the Costa Rica mission!](#) We need an extra \$12,000 over the next three months. Thanks from all of us here. May the Lord richly meet all of your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus.

Tim Stromstad  
Founder and Executive Director

P.S. Please allow me to make a plea for a one-time gift this month payable to "Children of Promise International" with a note directing it to the Costa Rican mission. 100% of your donation will go directly to care of the children. None will be retained to cover administrative expenses.

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