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Dear Friends, Family and Ministry Partners,

I really, really like our Sponsorship Program!

Sponsors benefit as they get a personal and tangible connection to the child they support. The homes benefit as the Sponsors provide consistent monthly cash flow. You can imagine my excitement when someone suggested an expanded program.

The current program has only the \$30 per month support level. The new expanded program recognizes that Sponsors might want to provide support at a different level, or they might want to provide a particular aspect of supporting a child or the home as a whole. There might be a few Sponsors who can provide support in a very significant way through a business they own or through charitable giving programs administered by their employer.

The expanded program has five giving levels, ranging from \$30 to \$500 per month. Two levels support a specific child, one level supports one of the children's caregivers, and one level maintains a house they live in. A fifth level that we call Sponsor-a-Day provides all the resources necessary to operate one of the missions for a day each month (We suggest the date of the Sponsor's birth.) The support levels approximate the actual cost of each designated aspect of support, which varies, from time-to-time and between the Guatemala and Costa Rica missions.

In return, the Sponsor will receive a bio of their child or description of the house, as well as periodic pictures or group pictures and updates as well as crafts made by their child. The frequency of feedback will depend on the ability of the staff,

missions teams, and the Volunteer Support Team to respond.

To learn more, please check out the Expanded Sponsorship Program on the enclosed sheet and prayerfully consider participating as a new Sponsor or increasing your support level as a current Sponsor. As you consider how you'll participate, consider that the financial need right now is much greater in Costa Rica. But also consider that children at the home in Guatemala are typically long-term residents, so the Sponsor-child relationship could go on for many years until the child turns 18. In Costa Rica, the children typically live at the home for several months to a couple years until they return to their families or are placed for adoption, so the child being sponsored could change from time-to-time.



To begin or increase your Sponsorship, complete the reply slip on the reverse side of the Expanded Partnership Program and return with your first payment. There is also the opportunity to set up automatic monthly payments via credit card or electronic funds transfer. With either method, tell us what Sponsorship level you've chosen and which country's mission you want to support. We'll respond with the details of your sponsorship as soon as possible.

Imagine choosing Sponsor-a-Day, having the entire mission praying for you on your day each month, and on your birthday learning what happened at the mission that day and knowing that the children sang Happy Birthday to you!

Praying for 50 new or increased Sponsorships,

Tim



Costa Rica Financial Update: The Perfect Financial Storm!

I want to give you an update on the difficult financial situation at the Home in Costa Rica. In last month's newsletter, I shared that an unexpected perfect financial storm in 2010 had depleted financial reserves to near zero. Over the last 17 months, expenses are up dramatically because of new Costa Rican government mandates and income in Costa Rican currency is down dramatically because of the economic situation in the U.S. The upshot was that we needed an extra \$12,000 to make it through June when mission teams begin to come.

I am happy to tell you that a 50% increase in general sponsorships and giving together with one very generous gift have taken a God-sized chunk out of the total need. But as I write this, we still need an extra \$4,000 to make it through June.

If you were able to help, thank you from deep down in my heart. If not, I again ask you to consider a generous extra gift to the Costa Rica mission. I am praying that the Lord will supply through you our Cherished Partner in this ministry.

Tim and Dena Update

We returned in February and kept a low profile while observing and listening to what happened in the year we were gone. We have great admiration for Helen Smith who felt the Lord leading her to take the directorship while we were gone. She did amazingly well for not having years of experience working with us. It became a great learning tool and because of her revelation of what was happening, she was able to make the cuts and reductions required to keep the mission afloat. We are extremely grateful for her work and commitment to this mission. Tim & Dena and Helen have formed a great team with each one working in their strengths that complement each other. We're a great team because we all do well in our areas of gifting and don't bump into one another.

Our daughter Maria is doing great in her sophomore year. Here in Costa Rica they have 5 years of High School instead of 6. In other words she would be ½ way through her junior year in High School. Thank the Lord that she loves school and is very disciplined in her studies and is doing well. Many times she is

sharing the Lord or giving good counsel to her friends. Thanks for keeping Maria in your prayers.

Benjamin and Joshua finished their 1st year at Pensacola Christian College on May 11th. Their cousins Jay & Ryan drove from Jacksonville to bring them home for the summer. Ryan flew in from WA to work with his uncle Brian together with Ben, Josh and Jay this summer in lawn care maintenance. Pray that they get tons of great jobs so that all these young men can pad their tuition accounts in the next 4 months of work! It will be a memorable summer for the cousins this summer.

The boys are staying with Dena's parents and sister for the summer. We also are planning to join them this summer for the 1st two weeks of July. Dena's parents are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. That will be a fun reunion and celebration!



Hogar de Vida is rejoicing as two more children have been adopted by Christian Costa Rican families! God is great. Throughout the entire mission, we continue to see how the Lord is using us to save children from scary dangerous situations, and then the Costa Rican Social System gets to work, and then the Judges, and then if the children get declared in abandonment we see God's hand in bringing the right family to adopt them and give them a loving safe home.