

Pettengill Prayer Letter

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Mike & our teammate Sean toured La Ceiba, Honduras for 4 days.

Spanish Study Continues

We completed our 2nd semester of Spanish study here in San Jose, Costa Rica. We spent 5 hours a day, 5 days a week in the classroom since September (600 hours). The classroom has been simultaneously frustrating and rewarding. The classroom time was invaluable, but, it is nothing we would want to volunteer for again. We now leave the classroom and begin one on one learning with personal tutors in our home. Our tutors will spend May and June cleaning up the messes in our heads. This has been a phase of our learning we have been looking forward to for a long time.

Pettengill Family Visit

We are in the middle of a 12 day visit from Mike's family. From April 29 to May 10 we are entertaining Mike's Mom, Dad, Sister and Brother-in-law. We will show them around San Jose, Arenal (active volcano), the jungle in the west and the beaches in the north. We haven't seen some of these folks since we left the U.S. back in August. What a treat!

Mike's Visit To Honduras

April 26-29 Mike visited our future home of La Ceiba, Honduras. He was joined by Sean (our teammate), Mark (our boss), and Bill (ex-missionary to La Ceiba). This trip was designed to begin the transition process for our family and to explore ministry possibilities. We registered Madison for school, started the immigration process with an attorney, explored housing options, had numerous meetings with locals and other missionaries and familiarized ourselves with the community. This was a very valuable trip.

Serving In Costa Rica

All of our regular weekly ministries here in Costa Rica have ended. We never anticipated that we would find time to serve so much while learning Spanish. Serving Costa Ricans has been a joy. We were able to teach ESL classes, lead a music ministry, work with the poorest of the poor in La Carpio, and much more. We will now focus our remaining time in Costa Rica on studying with our tutors and packing up to move to Honduras.

Our Tentative Schedule

4/29-5/10 - Our Family Visits From California
5/12 - Spanish Instruction Begins With Tutors
6/25 - Leave Costa Rica and Move to Honduras
7/26-8/3 - Mission Team Visits From Mobile, AL

Our Specific Prayer Needs

- Our Spanish tutoring helps our language ability.
- Ease in packing and preparation for our move to Honduras on June 25th.
- Our family's visit to Costa Rica is safe, enjoyable and refreshing for all of us.