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We send out a regular ministry update about work and life to those who are interested. Through the updates we hope to give a better picture of everyday life in the mission field. Many of those who receive our updates have committed to praying for us and to supporting us financially. You can receive the updates by e-mail (subscribe here) or by regular mail (send us an [e-mail](#)). [From this link](#) you can read some of our updates from early 2006.

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1 John 2:27 “ For the Spirit teaches you all things, and what he teaches is true – it is not a lie. So continue in what he has taught you, and *continue to live in Christ.*”

We are living moments of expectation and changes. The biggest one of course is the birth of our baby in only two weeks! For that, we are going to Heredia, back to the cooler climate for about three weeks, which will be a nice change. We will also have the opportunity to spend some time at the YWAM base and visit our church there. The kids are finishing their last few weeks of school before the summer vacation. The weather is also changing, even though it still rains often, we are starting to see small signs (like a fresh breeze and dry season bugs showing up) of the summer (= dry season) starting little by little.

Below is an update of what has been happening with our family and ministry the last few months. You can also read more frequent ministry and family updates on our web page.

Wisconsin team

In September we received our second official team in Guanacaste, this time from Wisconsin. We spent a busy, but effective week with them distributing food, evangelising, fixing a police station, doing children's ministry and visiting churches. The team donated materials for building a new roof for one of the churches, so Diego was busy with that after they left. The team was a blessing and encouragement to us, they understood our vision and calling; their short-term ministry helped and supported our long-term ministry. We hope they will come back next year!

Mexico

The last 10 days of October Diego travelled to Encenada, Mexico with a group from the base in Heredia. The founders of our mission, Lauren and Darlene Cunningham were the main speakers in the DNA-conference, passing on the values, principles and lessons God has taught them during the 46 years they have been in leadership. The conference was good and refreshing, Diego writes more about it on the web page. He also saw good friends from different countries that we haven't seen for a long time. After the conference he was able to spend two days in San Diego to buy a stroller and a car seat for the baby and some urgently needed car parts. Thank you for those of you who supported Diego financially for this trip!

We are grateful to see God starting to answer our prayers for volunteers and staff! Jessica is spending some time in Costa Rica between different YWAM schools and is helping us part-time with English classes and children's ministry.

We have continued with regular youth meetings and are now also giving an English class to youth and adults. People are very excited about this opportunity to learn; they know they will need it. Diego continues having great opportunities for discipleship and evangelism among the soccer players. The Wisconsin team sent us a suitcase full of soccer shoes. As we have been giving shoes to players we have also shared the Word with them. Always before a game they pray the Lord's Prayer really fast, without even thinking about what they are saying. Last week we went through the prayer word-by-word with them, explaining the meaning of it. Many of them really got it, changed the way they think about prayer and God. After that many of them have come to Diego to talk about their own relationship with God.

Diego is also leading a project with 5 local communities to ask the political leaders to asphalt one of the busiest gravel (=mud) roads here. This coming Friday they are having a meeting with one of the congressmen and local leaders about it. We pray that the project would go through, it would be such an improvement and show in a practical way that God does care for the people and their needs.

We are continuing to build relationships with local churches and communities, learning about their needs and asking God to show us what He wants to do in these places. This weekend Diego is preaching in a youth gathering in a village where we have worked only little before. Pray for God to open doors.

Salla finished with the computer and English classes she had volunteered to give in two of the local schools. At least the students going to high school next year will be better prepared to start studying English with other kids that have studied it already for 6 years. We hope to continue helping both schools next year, we are praying for God to send staff to help!

In December we are helping to organize a Christmas party for poor children and we also want to do a special Christmas dinner for the youth.

The coming weeks

Tomorrow we will be going to Heredia and Salla will stay there till the baby is born and both of them are well enough to return to Guanacaste, hopefully the first week of December. The c-section is planned for November 28, in the public hospital of Heredia. Diego will be travelling back and forth, because of ministry commitments here in Guanacaste. Troy and Julia will return with Diego for a week in-between, because of school. Even though the next few weeks might be challenging and tiring with all the travelling and changes, we are all very excited and ready to see our new family member! Please keep all five of us in your prayers!

SUMMER 2007

We believe God is going to do some great things here in Guanacaste next summer through all the people He is sending to join our efforts to share His love here. Even though we receive **teams** all year, June to August is when most of them come. Are you interested in bringing down a short-term missions group? Check out the web page for team information!

With all the ongoing long-term ministry, teams and short-term projects we are looking and praying for many **volunteers** to come and help us next summer during June, July and August from 1-3 months. Volunteers need to be over 18, Christians and willing to serve in whatever area needed. Are you interested? Do you know someone who might be?

Financial Support

We want to thank you for your prayers and financial support that mean a lot to us! We are facing the challenge of having to raise \$1300 more of regular monthly support, simply because our support has not been enough to even cover our basic living expenses. If you haven't supported us financially before, would you please pray about committing to a regular monthly gift? We are happy to answer any questions you might have about this. We do believe that God has called us to missions in Guanacaste through YWAM. Therefore we also believe that He will call people to join our support team to make it possible for us to continue living by faith and serving Him.

God bless you and thank you for your partnership!

Diego, Salla, Troy, Julia and Baby Silva

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Send a check written out to YWAM to: YWAM El Paso, 4444 Edgar Park Ave, El Paso, TX 79904, USA.

On a separate paper write: for the support of Diego Silva

COSTA RICA STATISTICS:

In The Human Development Index (HDI) Costa Rica gets the 48. position (in 2001 it was 41.). The index analyses health, education and economy of 177 countries. Here are some statistics that give you an idea of how Costa Rica is doing.

- *Gross Domestic Product \$4349*
- *Life expectancy 78,3 years*
- *17% don't have clean drinking water*
- *71,4% finishes their education*
- *The average income of rich households is 10 times bigger than of the poor*
- *20,2% of the families live under the poverty line*
- *Unemployment rate 6%*
- *Inflation 11%*
- *For each \$1 earned by men, the women earn \$0,46.*
- *The population is 4,2 millions, and over one million are immigrants*

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