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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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Greetings from green and wet Guanacaste! This is a short update about our life and ministry. Please check our website www.pampa.fi for stories and pictures.

SPORTS & DISCIPLESHIP

During these months, as we haven't had many teams or trips, Diego has been able to be more dedicated to the local youth through soccer. Every afternoon around four he checks that all the balls have enough air, puts the ball sacks on the quad and rides off to the Caballito soccer field. There is a group of about 15 young men that he coaches, plays with and disciples through his presence and friendship. God and the Bible are now a normal part of any practise or conversation. Still, the youth here are very lost in the ways they think, talk, act and relate so it is difficult to see real transformation. Pray that they would respond to the Living Word and be changed by the power of the Holy Spirit. Diego also asks for physical strength to continue being able to play in the sun and extreme heat.

Diego organized and started a sports committee to take off the load from one man who was sacrificing all his free and family time mowing the lawn of the soccer field and raising money to cover the expenses of the team. Now this new committee is getting the routine work organized, but has also started raising money to take the team to a Christian soccer trip to Panama next year.

Diego also has a calling to minister to the grown-up men. He is praying about starting men's breakfast once a week to start teaching the Bible to farmers, fathers and husbands.

SEMILLAS DE VIDA

We have worked hard on paperwork, meetings and planning for the maternity shelter we want to start next year. God has given so many "right" contacts, He has even spoken to some people about the project before they even met us or knew about it. Please pray for this ministry, the approval of funding from Finnish Government, for property and staff!

SUMMER

God is sending 5 people here as summer staff who will live and work with us. With them, we will be teaching English and computers at local schools, working with children, youth, local churches and needy families and probably also doing a maternity course for pregnant teenagers. We are looking forward to the busy summer, knowing it will be fruitful! For a long time we have been praying for staff and now God is responding by sending summer staff, it is a blessing.

In July we are hosting a team from Atlanta. Together with them we will host a youth camp for 50 local non-Christian youth. The program will be all about having a relationship with God and living for Him. We need \$1500 to cover the cost of the local youth. They will pay \$10 per person, but that is not even close to enough for covering the costs of lodging, food and transportation. Would you like to support some of the youth?

FAMILY

Besides teaching English and taking care of the logistics of everything that's happening I (Salla) have focused on the family, house and kids the past few months. Days are full of cooking, laundry, cleaning and home school. Nic Markus is now almost 6 months old. In April, after lot of hard work for getting the baby's documents, the two of us went to Finland for a two-week surprise visit right after my dad had had his 60th birthday. It was a great time to spend with family and to get a little break.

Troy and Julia are doing great. Troy loves soccer and Julia is excited about her 6th birthday that's coming up very soon.

HOUSE

Last year God helped us as a family to buy a piece of land right next to the house that we are now renting for ministry and us. We have decided to start building a house by faith. We don't have the money needed and we don't have possibilities for getting a loan from a bank. We are trusting in God for about \$30 000 and He has already started providing. The other day there were oxen outside of the gate bringing some wood given to us by one local farmer. Another family donated some tails,

paint and other useful materials. We are now working on the foundation posts. Please contact us if you would like to give towards the construction. When the house is ready, we will move there as a family and continue renting this house only for the ministry and staff, which will be much better for everyone.

THANK YOU

We want to thank you for your friendship, prayers and financial support! You are part of what God is doing in this corner of the world.

Diego and Salla

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