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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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It is another rainy day. Today the road to our village is not flooded, as it has been so many other days lately. There is mud and mildew everywhere. We are pretty ready for the end of the rainy season. Diego and the kids are fishing. I am sitting in our ministry office, trying to share with you, our supporters, friends and intercessors, how we have been spending our time and what God is doing here "in the middle of nowhere".

Ps 30:11-12

" You have turned my mourning into joyful dancing. You have taken away my clothes of mourning and clothed me with joy, that I might sing praises to you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever!"

This verse is a good way to describe the change that we have witnessed take place in the lives of 5 local young men during this summer. CHANGE... that's what the cross of Jesus is about. From darkness to light, sin to holiness.

THE SUMMER

In the beginning of the summer we were able to participate in YWAM leadership seminar in Guatemala. God provided for the whole family to fly and it was a great refreshing, renewing, healing and learning time. We will have another regional conference in Guatemala next May.

Right after Guatemala we started receiving our summer staff, that were all together 6 young people from the States and Finland. With them our ministry house started looking more like a ywam-base. We had a busy summer and we experienced the first wave of revival here in the villages. We feel like now God allowed us to see some of the fruit of our work from the past two years.

Among the activities we did were (and still are) Kids Club for primary school kids Saturday mornings, English classes in few primary schools, a high school and the local community here, visits to handicapped children, youth meetings and a discipleship group for new converts on Wednesday nights. We hosted three teams over the summer and with one of them did a youth camp for 36 local kids. Right before that camp we had a concert with a visiting band called Luminous. In the morning of their first concert while praying together we experienced a spiritual breakthrough, a heaviness lifting from the area. That same night several of the youth that we had been working with through soccer gave their lives to Jesus. The same wave continued in the camp where we saw many youth get saved. Now we are helping these youth to grow roots in the discipleship group, since there is no local church. One of them felt God call him to do a Discipleship Training School with YWAM in Heredia and he is writing us almost every day telling us how thankful he is with us for sharing salvation with him and how much he is learning and changing. Praise God!

Our role this summer was to lead the ministry and the staff team. We had to train and mentor young volunteers to face new challenges of daily life on the mission field and sharing the Gospel trans culturally and often with a language barrier. We had to set up all the local contacts for ministry for the staff and teams, organize food and housing and take care of the transportation with our personal vehicles, since the ministry here doesn't have a car yet. We shared our house (=the ministry house), all our time and space with the team. It was a great and very fruitful summer, but very tiring and stretching for us as family.

FALL

The first of September God started a project to fulfill our big need and dream. Our own house. While during the busy summer we didn't even have time to think about the construction or how to possibly raise money for it, God was at work all the time. In July we received an offering to order all the wood material for the house. The first of September that material arrived with bunch of friends from Heredia who came to build. Ever since there has been someone here

all the time helping us build. Now the house already has walls and roof on (see pictures: [www.pampa.fi>gallery>construction](http://www.pampa.fi/gallery/construction)), but it is missing everything from inside. We are doing this by faith and with the help of good friends who are giving their time and talents to make this happen. To continue and finish the project we need \$15 000 to buy the rest of the materials. Would you pray about giving towards the construction? This is a need for us, because the ministry is growing and it is not good for us to continue living in the ministry housing as a family any longer. It has been over two years since we have lived in a house just for us as a family, we need that privacy and space.

When the summer staff left God sent a young couple, Erick and Lisa, to help us continue all the ministry activities. Right now our big challenge is to raise monthly support for the ministry, separate from our personal support. We are also preparing a school uniform distribution and children's camp for December and January. As a family we are traveling to Finland for the end of December, for my brother's wedding. From there we are planning a trip to the States in January, where we will be spending some time at least in Minnesota and Georgia.

KIDS

Troy, Julia and Nic Markus are great kids. They are amazingly flexible as we sometimes have the most irregular schedule and have to do the strangest things because of ministry. They are (almost) always content, get along with everybody, help, and understand. Troy is finishing his third grade and Julia kindergarten in December. Nic Markus will turn one next month. I have one local girl help me take care of him in the mornings so I can cook for the builders and work on ministry responsibilities. We can't wait to have our house finished and honor our kids with a worthy home and rooms of their own that won't change every year.

We are so thankful for each of you, who through your prayers and giving believe in what we do and through that believe in the transformation God wants to do in these remote places of Guanacaste. The longer we live here the more we see the need these people and families have for Jesus. We continue being surprised at the amount of immorality that people here accept as normal in their family lives. Please pray for us, for God's grace and help to show His love and salvation to these lost souls. There is nothing more beautiful than to see one of the lost sheep come to the feet of Jesus and be totally transformed by the power of God. Even one would be worth all of our effort, but we believe God is going to save many many more!

We are sorry for our very slow e-mail communication. We ask you to understand that we don't have internet or even phone connection at where we live. We need to travel one hour one way on muddy roads to get to internet since the closer internet place closed. So we are generally checking our mail once a week. If you have a need for fast communication with us, you can call us to our cell phones: (506) 891 49 22 or 815 90 14.

Please be checking our website www.pampa.fi for more regular ministry and family updates and pictures. Thank you so much to all of you who are financially supporting us!

Please pray that we could sell our truck or van. We need to sell one to be able to pay back the family that helped us buy the van.

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