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We have been on the road and in the air for almost 7 weeks now. We had a good time with family in Finland over Christmas, even though we were all sick pretty much the whole time we were there. We were still able to attend Salla's brother's wedding, which was one of the biggest reasons for our trip.

The last three weeks we have been in the States, in Minnesota, Georgia, Florida and Tennessee. We have had the opportunity to visit many wonderful families, friends and churches. It has been tiring, but a blessing to see so many of the people who pray for us, support us, have brought teams to Costa Rica and have blessed us with their friendship through many different ways. One of the highlights was a visit to Disneyworld, that was practically given to us. It was a once -in-a-lifetime experience for the kids, but we have to admit that it wasn't only the kids who got pretty excited about the rides, the shows and everything... Thank you to those of you who have shown us great hospitality and helped us during our trip!

We are flying back to Costa Rica this Sunday. We are ready to get back and really ready, with the Lord's help, to continue building our house. We can't wait to move and finally be able to have a place to call home and have some family privacy. God has provided some money and we trust that He will help us finish everything before this summer.

Ministry will continue as usual with outreaches, teams, youth ministry, soccer, kids' club and preparations for this summer. By the way, we are looking for summer staff, if you know of anybody over 18 who would like to come and serve God in Guanacaste this summer from 1 to 3 months.

Troy and Julia are going to start in a new school in Nicoya next month. We have tried the local public school for two years now, but it is really really bad. They are now going to travel almost one hour each way to go to a private school where they will also have some music and sports activities and good English teaching. It is a big change for them and financially it means over \$200 a month for us. They will still continue with Finnish homeschooling as well.

Please pray for us as we return to Guanacaste, that God would give us His heart, love and passion for whatever He wants us to do there this year! Thank you for partnering with us!

Diego and Salla

Troy, Julia and Nic Markus

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