



THE SILVAS in Guanacaste

April 2008



GO (To Costa Rica, to Heredia, to Guanacaste and to the village of Corral de Piedra)

AND MAKE (this “make” is such a small word, but means so much... invite people to eat, drive people to the hospital, speak God's truth into people's life, teach the Bible, preach the Gospel, listen, be friends, play soccer, do crafts, play and sing with children, teach skills to people, love, care, cook, clean, be hospitable, make beds, offer help, serve, fix houses and buildings, clean up other people's messes, give to those in need, bless, visit, be an example, pray, drive on gravel roads, plan activities and projects, raise funds, sit in meetings, lead, translate, write e-mails, travel to conferences...)

DISCIPLES (belonging to Jesus, growing in his knowledge, living as his children and one day entering heaven)

OF ALL NATIONS (in our case the people in our villages, some of them in the pictures of this update)

... TEACHING THEM TO OBEY EVERYTHING I HAVE COMMANDED YOU. (knowing the Word of God, us growing in it first and then communicating it to others, verbally and non-verbally)





AND SURELY, I (The Holy Father, God, All-powerful)

AM WITH YOU (yes, GOD is with US!)

ALWAYS(no matter what we are doing, if we see fruit or not, if we are tired or in need ourselves, when we are here in the ends of the earth, in a small place reaching out to few people... we are not alone, not even a moment, not without a purpose and direction)

TO THE VERY END OF THE AGE (our own lives, the world surrounding us,

the whole history of the universe and each person in it has an end. Until then, God has a purpose for our lives that aims to this same, Biblical end. We don't live in a limitless routine of life, but in an exactly defined time – until we can live, rejoice and enjoy the whole eternity in God's presence.)



Thank you for your prayers and financial support! We returned from our vacation and furlough in the beginning of February. Troy, Julia and Pablo (the guy we are helping) have started in a new school. Nic Markus finally learned to walk, and the two of us started working in the ministry right after our return. We hosted an outreach team from YWAM Finland for three weeks and a group from a Christian school in Florida for three days. Now most of our ministry focus is on preparations for this summer's summer staff, ministry and teams. As a family, we continue in the huge challenge of faith – the construction. It is advancing, but taking a lot of time and money. We would want it to be ready before June, but right now looks like it might not happen. Please pray for God's provision!

We would like to give a special thanks to those of you who welcomed and hosted us in your homes during our trip to the States, we were so blessed and even spoiled! The biggest gift given to us was three days in Disney World and it was such a special time for Troy and Julia. They themselves understood and said that it was God blessing them for the ministry and sacrifices they also do. Thank you!

Rejoice, our Redeemer lives!

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