



Chuck & Joy Befus

# Greetings from Costa Rica

May 2021

## Nothing New Under the Sun

Ecclesiastes 1:9

seems like the world and its god is having a “hay day,” but God is in control, He is sovereign, and we wait on His moving.

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Covid-19 is still here, just like last year....and just like last year, Costa Rica has shut down churches from meeting together. Covid infections are up once again and hospital beds are full. We especially pray for the struggling Costa Ricans who continue to lose their jobs and livelihood. It has been a hard time for many in this new style of living. When we last wrote, we had just begun to meet as a church. It felt so good to worship together again. Fear seemed to dissipate; faith seemed to rise. So, plans were made to launch an outreach ministry once again, to meet people, invite people to church, and to be friendly...and the announcement comes out to shut down all social gatherings. It sure

### Being Faithful in Planting Another Church

In our ministries in 2021 we have placed an emphasis on our faith in God to be simple yet constant. A deep trusting faith in our God that



would move us this year to begin the process of planting a new church or churches by 2023. This is

where we are headed. Our church plant in Alajuela has its building and a good leadership base and it is now time to enter the planning of our next church plant. The goal is towards the city of Heredia but we also have people interested in a church in Ciudad Colon and Taccarres...so why not begin the process of three church plants. Exciting times!



### Our Faith Tested

We have had our faith tested by having the lead Costa Rican pastor, Marco, of our Alajuelan church fall ill with a blood clot to his brain. He was only 56 years old. Our move towards planting the next church held with it the plan to have Marco as the head pastor of the Alajuelan church. On May 8, Marco went to be with the Lord. Please pray for Marco's family and our church family. Psalms 116:15 says, “**Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His godly ones.**”

## Marco and his family



### **Air Conditioner, Construction, and a Wedding**

We are looking forward to putting in an industrial air conditioner for our church in Alajuela. Our metal church heats up really fast under the sun. We are so grateful that in a project towards missions in the conferences this year, Rush Creek Bible Church was able to raise the money for this air conditioner.



We will also be working towards having a second larger area for holding meetings or classes next to our church.

Then there is the wedding in July of our son Camron to Lucy here in Costa Rica. We are excited for them as they become husband and wife. May God bless and guide them as a power team for His glory. What is great about this wedding is that we will have the whole Befus clan together for about 7 days! What fun!

### **Pray**

1. For our new IBG Bible Institute.
2. The beginning plans of planting our next two or three churches by 2023.
3. That God will allow us to sell a large part of our land so we can pay off the mortgage we owe and to have money left over to purchase the land in Panama and even a land or two here in Costa Rica for our eventual new church plants.



# **LAND For Sale**

### **New Baby**

We were blessed by the arrival of our 11th grandchild on April 19. Adrielle Faith was born to our daughter Terrah and her husband Oscar. We thank God that they are both doing well.

Keep praying for us! We love you!

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**Adrielle Faith!!!**