

Greetings from Costa Rica



Chuck & Joy Befus

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As we look back at the first ten months of this year, 2021 has been a very hard year. This year was semi-hard because of Covid-19 but it became so much harder. As many of you know, our Costa Rican pastor who had studied and worked and desired to be a Grace pastor, suddenly had a heart issue and then God took him to heaven. Being left without our Spanish pastor and preacher has caused us to rethink where we are in our church plant. Chuck was ready to plant the next church but now the direction was back

to developing another pastor and teacher for the church. Since then, we have worked with and been teaching four younger men who desire to be mentored and taught about the grace of God who desire to be mentored and taught in our Grace doctrine and are searching God's will as to being teachers and pastors.



So Very Thankful

We are so thankful for these young men and their desires. We are also so thankful to God for His continual faithfulness to us. Though Covid-19 has been in full force rules and laws here in Costa Rica, we as a church family have gotten back to as close to normal as we can, and we have seen a lot of growth in the lives of our people. We have all our outreach ministries going from children's age to adult and we began a new ministry outreach with the purpose of mobilizing our whole church to do ministry towards our non-Christian neighbors and workplace acquaintances. As an army goes to war with operations (like Desert Storm), we are going to war with an operation of exquisite foods for our neighbors. It is an operation of hospitality where, by certain dates, with a lot of prayer, we all take steps to reach out and decide which family or people we will invite, then invite them to our home for a great meal and without preaching we tell our story and invite our neighbors to another night with pizza and popcorn to see a Christian movie. It has been neat to see our people praying, mobilizing, inviting, and having these meals with our neighbors. Next is the movie night at the end of November.



New Grandchildren to be Born

We are also very thankful to God for the wedding of Camron and Lucy Befus in July here in Costa Rica. They make a great team together. And, of course, we are thankful that we have three more grandchildren on the way (numbers 12, 13 & 14). Autumn (Befus) Olson is due in early January; Elenrae (Befus) Pilienci comes next in early March; and Erin (Befus) Segura is due the end of March! Wow! What blessings from our Lord! We will let you know the outcomes of these pregnancies in our next letter. For now, we are busy, full, happy, and serving our great God.

Please Pray

Thank you for partnering with us in this ministry. We need you. We continue to work towards the next church plant as we set a stronger foundation of our Alajuela church, IBG. Please pray:

1. For the men in training to be pastors.
2. For our daughters giving birth in the new year.
3. Pray that God will allow us to sell a large part of our land so we can pay off the mortgage 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.

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For Sale**

Keep praying for us! We love you!

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