

# The Befus Report

## from Costa Rica



God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging (Psalm 46:1-3).

It's been a rough year! In writing that it has been a rough year, it does not mean that God is bad, life is bad, or ministry is bad. God is good all the time and He is working His plan in the Costa Rica Grace Ministry. Life, though hard, continues on and we see growth and enthusiasm in people's lives.



Joy and I no longer have parents living on this earth. To both of us, this reality has had its impact on us. We have been independent from our parents for 36 years but the fact that our parents all died within six weeks of one another, and they are now in heaven, leaves us with the feeling of being much older, and the reality of death is far closer than ever. Our children no longer have grandparents and we are now the only grandparents to our children's children. Maybe some of you have passed through this time period and understand the feelings we have.



**Frank Edwards**

*June 13, 1939 -  
June 23, 2018*



**Joan Edwards**

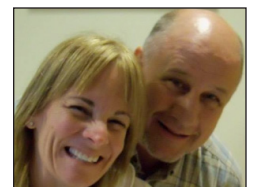
*February 1, 1941 -  
August 3, 2018*



**Elnora Befus**

*May 21, 1931 -  
August 6, 2018*

It is a new stage for us. How will we live these last 20 to 30 years of our life? Do we retire in eight short years and begin the slow slide to irrelevance? That is not how we feel! There is at least one more church to plant; one more Grace Ministry Center to begin; and a whole lot of people, children, and grandchildren to influence and even train in and for the Lord.



We are excited with the enthusiastic and energized ministry we belong to in Costa Rica. Yes, we have had some setbacks, but we press on toward the goal to win the prize of God's heavenly calling in Christ Jesus (Phil. 3:14).



2018 Retreat

Let us share one of these neat ministries with you. Our ministry places an important emphasis on marriages. This year we had at least one event each month so that married couples reach out to other married couples and come to a time of food and sharing around a theme. This year's theme was finding out where we are in God's plan for marriage and moving to where He

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wants us to be. We have had upwards of 25 couples come to these events. Then we just concluded this year's marriage events with a weekend getaway to a hot springs hotel where we had 18 couples dealing again with the goal for marriage from God's viewpoint.



The Barrantes Family

Please **pray** that in 2019 we will begin well with the Barrantes family the Grace Ministry in Panama. **Pray** that the two brothers in Talamanca (indigenous people group of Costa Rica) can come to an agreement as to our ministry there with their people. **Pray** for a piece of land we can purchase in 2019 and begin to build our church in Alajuela. **Pray** for more workers to enter the work of the Lord here in Costa Rica. **Pray** for our children as they serve God where He

has placed them. And **pray** for two more grandchildren to be born in February and June. Our 7th grandchild just arrived, Owen Charles Befus, born to Caleb and Mary on November 6. By next June the total will be nine grandchildren for a while. We love it!



Owen Charles being loved on by his big sister, Cassie

Thanks for your wonderful participation with us here in Costa Rica. We could not do it without you!

With all the love of Jesus Christ,  
Chuck and Joy Befus and Thane