



The Befus Report

Sad but Joyful News



The COVID-19 pandemic has hit close to home here in Costa Rica as our beloved example of a faithful man of God, Don Jorge, went to be with the Lord on November 12. He was 94 years old. Pray for his wife who is still in the hospital with this virus. Jorge and Trina were pivotal members in our planting of the Alajuela church 10 years ago. Ever since coming to faith in Jesus Christ, they wanted a church in Alajuela where they lived. He is now in God's glory and we are overjoyed with this fact, but our hearts ache as a man of faith is no longer with us.

An Opening to Meet Together

When we last wrote, we were in the center of the lock down because of COVID-19 with little ministry other than long distance virtual programming which led to a new Facebook live show each Tuesday. It has been a very slow and hard year for doing ministry. For Chuck, this is very frustrating. He is used to going and doing and teaching and preaching and counseling and then suddenly, and for a long time, there is nothing. Not good!



However, since September 27, the government slowly began allowing the meeting of small groups of people. This was enough for us to have our first worship service of 18 people in the outdoors with the open air. Since then, our numbers have slowly increased to over 70. We hope that by the end of December we can be at a steady 100+ for church services.

The constructing of our new church has taken off as well. We last told you we had an empty metal hangar on our land but just



look at it now! It has closed in sides, windows, and doors, two stories inside and it is just amazing how beautiful it is. It needs a centralized air conditioner but we are okay right now as we sweat and lose weight each Sunday.

2021 is Around the Corner



We are looking forward to the new year—not just because this year has been difficult, but we look forward to the new ministries that will begin in 2021. Yes, we will have the COVID-19 protocol still close to us but we live by faith and not by sight. Here are a few of the new ministries:

1. We have on task the opening of our new IBG Bible Institute that will be both on line and in person allowing a more direct and intense Bible grounding for our people and for those who God leads to us to teach.
2. The new year will bring a challenge to our church to begin meeting to decide where to plant our next two or three churches by 2023. The challenge will be given to the men to meet together to pray and develop a vision and mission towards the planting of these churches.
3. Direct placement of those being mentored in places of ministries like teaching and preaching to work on gifts and maturing and to get “hands on” experiences in serving.



LAND For Sale

4. We pray 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 piece of land or two here in Costa Rica for our eventual new church plants.

We are excited to see what God will do tomorrow! He is at work. Keep praying for us! We love you!

Chuck and Joy Befus