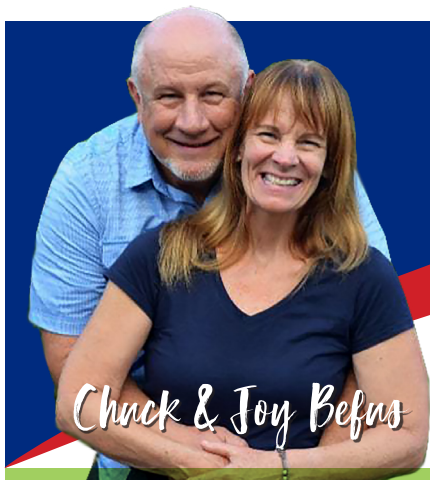


Sharing God's Grace with the World



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Costa Rica



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Psalm 127:3 teaches us...

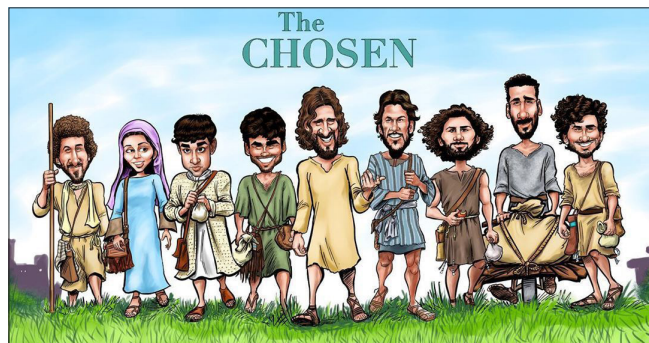
Children (& grandchildren, C&J added) are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from Him.



In our last letter, we spoke of three near future Grandchildren and here they are (from biggest to smallest) Taren Olson, Vienna Pilioci and Eleanor Segura. We now can tell you some further good news as another grandchild of Caleb and Mary is on the way (#15) and not only that, but our two youngest children, Regan and Thane are getting married this summer! (Addition of one more son and one more daughter.) In our 40th year of marriage, God has blessed us immensely going from just two to 35. *Yep, the tribe increases. Thank you, God!*

We are growing in the Costa Rican Ministry

It was three years ago that our ministry was able to purchase land for our church in Alajuela and the ministry. Two of those years were during the Pandemic. As we have been coming out of the fears and general laziness of this period, we last wrote to you of our desire to mobilize our family of God towards spiritual growth and outreach. We had two events of hospitality towards our neighbors and then an invitation to a Christian movie night with the works (food, popcorn). This was successful with over 120 people out to see a movie in our church, half of which were our neighbors. Since then, we have worked into our schedule for 2022 one movie night a month "with the works" as we watch a different episode of **The Chosen** with discussion and observational questions at the end. Some of these have been super successful while others have been disappointing. We have also begun sharing God's working in our lives towards salvation by way of videos and getting together with the purpose to know our God.





We have asked you to pray for the sale of part of our land so we can pay off the debt we owe but God has yet to respond to our prayers positively so continue to pray for this need. **We need your prayers.**



ENTRUST the TRUTH to faithful MEN who will TEACH OTHERS.

2 Timothy 2:2

Pray also for these growing men and their desire to lead for the Lord:

**Mariano
Alonso
Yender
Danny
Jorge**

These are our future leaders/pastors.

Also pray for these men:

**Miguel
Jorge
Henry
David
Will**

who are dedicated, faithful men.



Iglesia Biblica de la Gracia church service in Costa Rica

One of the more exciting events in our lives is the number of younger men who are desiring to be mentored and trained in God's Word. Chuck meets daily with these young men, and they study God's plan for today in contrast to the plan of God with Israel, what it means to live and walk by grace, how to study the Bible and how to teach and preach His Word. We will have to share a few of their testimonies eventually as God works in their hearts and they become our teachers and preachers.



New church service in Panama.

We also were able to visit our GMI team members in Panama in April, working on their new church, buying some needed chairs, and having an encouraging time of being together and serving.

***Thank you for partnering with us in this ministry.
Keep praying for us! We love you!***

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