NERGARA JULY 2017 NEVSLETTER

Larry, a young man from Nagarote, Nicaragua, who is active in Milo and Raquel Seravalli's church, went to CIMA. He was deeply impacted by CIMA which helped him clear his vision for what God was calling him to do. "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Ephesians 2:10

Dear Friends: We truly appreciate your prayers and support, even when you have not heard from us for a long time. We are sorry for not communicating but we will make it up to you with this very newsy letter sharing a few updates on our ministry and family.

MOVIDA-CIMA International in Costa Rica

During our time in Costa Rica we worked for the first international CIMA for Central America. The event happened from the 9th to the 15th of January and it surpassed our expectations with over 600 participants—almost 200 Panamanians and over 100 Nicaraguans—from the entire region and with 20 countries represented.

After over six years serving with Movida, and now as a married couple, we have finished our commitment with them. We are serving with GMI and trying to find the right place to serve—a place where we feel God is calling us to establish our family while we serve Him. The time with Movida has been incredible, motivating thousands of people to serve God through local and world missions. We have seen many lives being transformed and moved to serve God! How wonderful!

Grace Bible Church - Uruguay

While we have been waiting on the Lord's leading for our future, we have been supporting Talo's home church in Montevideo, with Talo preaching twice a month, Patty being a part of the worship team, and both helping with the teens and youth. It has been great to serve at the church in Uruguay where God has allowed us to use our gifts and talents to serve Him.

Almost a Year Together – Living This Adventure

We thank God for our marriage. It is incredible how quickly time goes by! As of this writing, we have been together for 336 days and counting. It has not been an easy year, with trips, visas denied, separations, and even Talo being sick during a very short honeymoon! However, God has given us wisdom and perseverance to overcome each obstacle and grow as a couple and family together. We are far from perfect but together we can be a great team.

The CIMA Group in Costa Rica



Coming Soon: Ciudad del Este, Paraguay

We are aware of the great news of what is happening in Paraguay with the Gularts and the Bomers as they serve in Ciudad del Este. Having decided to support the work there, we will serve in the areas of preaching, teaching, and developing a youth ministry. We are excited about this new opportunity to join the missionary team in Paraguay! We trust our time there will help in growing that ministry. We are always willing to use our gifts and talents to serve the Lord wherever He leads. Our desire is to arrive in Ciudad del Este by the end of July or beginning of August. Let's pray for the ministry in Ciudad del Este, Paraguay, and the team that God has formed!



Prayer Requests:

- 1) That God strengthens us as a family and that we can make wise decisions.
- 2) That God will help us find a place to live in Paraguay and that we can be a great help to the work there.
- 3) For our online studies—Talo is pursuing a master's degree in Biblical Theology, and Patty is studying Missions and Christian Counseling. Pray that we can find time and have wisdom to learn and balance our responsibilities.
- 4) For Patty's American visa—she has already been rejected twice— that we don't lose our faith that God will help us with this at the right moment so we can travel together to the U.S. Patty really wants to meet you all, and Talo really wants to show you the beautiful wife God has graciously given him.
- 5) For Talo and his green card—that he can keep his resident status with no problems. In order to do that he needs to travel to the U.S. every four to five months.



Hundreds of youth went to experience missions after CIMA. We had the blessing to send a team to help Milo and Raquel with their ministry in Nagarote, Nicaragua.

CIMA

Byron is a young man from our church in Alajuela. He left CIMA very motivated to serve God back at his church and very passionate to live for God. He was shocked to hear about the big need the world has to know about Jesus.



Thank you so much for your prayers and support! We thank God for each one of you. We thank the Lord for putting in your hearts the desire to be part of the ministry He has given us as a family; thank you for your faithfulness and for your concern for us. We hope and pray God is granting you the wishes of your heart and that you continue to have your hearts full with joy and generosity that is shown in your love for Christ and your neighbor.



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