



Talo and Patty Vergara

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Dear Friends and Family:

Yes...if you haven't already heard...Talo is MARRIED!

This is undoubtedly the most significant prayer letter I have written and it has the news many of you have been waiting to hear for many years. I am now officially married to a wonderful woman—Patricia “Patty” Diaz—from Loja, Ecuador. We met about a year ago while I was organizing a CIMA Day at her church. She has worked for three years as a newscaster at a local Christian radio station but has wanted to be a missionary for a few years. We got married in Uruguay on July 15 and in Ecuador on July 23. We are enjoying our time in Costa Rica and the plan is to live here until CIMA International is over in January 2017. These first three months of marriage have not been easy because Patty needs a visa to enter Costa Rica so she had to go back to Ecuador in September for an entire month to apply for a new visa to stay in Costa Rica until January. I also had to travel to the States in August for a couple of weeks and she could not go with me because she does not have an American visa either. *Please pray for Patty's visa situation both in Costa Rica and the USA and praise Him with me for finding a beautiful and wonderful woman who will undoubtedly improve my ministry exponentially.*

CIMA INTERNATIONAL 2017

In January 2017 Movida is organizing the fourth CIMA International (the first one in Central America) and that is the reason we are living in Costa Rica. I am in charge of the event promotion and I am very glad to say we have 300 participants who have signed up—that is exactly 50 percent of what is expected. We will have a big number of representatives from most countries of Central America. Praise the Lord for this and keep praying for the many more who have shown an interest in attending and need finances to participate in this event. We are only three months away from the conference and the workload, preparation, and organization responsibilities are increasing. *Pray for this event and for the many hearts that will be challenged to live for God and be involved in His mission.*

ALAJUELA GRACE CHURCH EXPLORING DAVID, PANAMA

Since I arrived in Costa Rica last year, I have been attending Grace Bible Church in Alajuela where GMI mis-



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sionary Chuck Befus is the main pastor. I have enjoyed the fellowship and the good messages every time I have attended. It especially excites me to know the church is praying about the possibility to expand their work to the neighboring country of Panama. The target city is David because it is close to the border (about a 7-hour drive from San José, Costa Rica). I made a trip to David in June to survey the city, and I presented a report to the Alajuela church leaders and the GMI Board. After that, a group of seven church leaders conducted a survey trip in and around the city of David. It is exciting to be part of the possible beginnings of a Grace work in Panama. Praise God for the vision of the Alajuela church! *Please pray that they can continue having opportunities as they evaluate Panama as a potential GMI field.*

FUTURE PLANS

We would greatly appreciate if you could pray for us as we look forward to where God wants us in the near future. We know we will serve in Latin America because that is where we feel He has called us, but we are not sure yet about the specific country. The plan is to finish my time with Movida through CIMA International 2017. Then we will travel to GMI fields in South America to visit the ministries that Patty hasn't seen. We will be consulting with the GMI Home Office/GMI Board at that point to determine where the best place will be for us to minister in Latin America. *We hope and ask you to pray that during this time the Lord will reveal His will to us in a mighty and powerful way*

Patty and I thank you so much for your faithfulness throughout all these years in which you have been uplifting this ministry in prayers and finances. Your love and affection to me, and now to Patty, is greatly appreciated. I surely know we could not be doing this without you. Thank you and we pray that God would continue to bless your lives and ministries.

Our prayers for us and for you are based on Colossians 3:15:

“And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.”

Because He lives,

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