

Greetings from the Strzepeks in Costa Rica!

February 2010

2009 was an amazing year for us, as you probably know already. In January 2009, Jason finished his course work at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, completing a Master of Arts in Theology degree. He spent the spring working with a mentoring ministry at Gordon-Conwell, working a bit at a church in Salem, MA, and preparing to return to the mission field. To add to the mix and fun, we welcomed our 5th child in April. Jason graduated in May. After a whirlwind of preparations, we were able to **return to the Costa Rica** in July. The Lord provided all we needed at exactly the right times.

Jason started his teaching assignment at **ESEPA Seminary** here in San Jose, Costa Rica in September and, despite having been away from speaking Spanish for 3 years, was able to effectively do his work. The semester was successful for him as a new professor, and also for ESEPA Seminary because there was a need for a new professor. It was also successful because each of his students passed his course and as the class progressed they grew to become friends as well.

Jason was also able to help the seminary as he spent some of his work there dedicated to development and fundraising. Among the **projects in the works** are visits from groups of students from both Gordon College and Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary this summer, as well as ESEPA participating electronically in a world-wide Christian conference on evangelism (Lausanne 2010). This was on top of other local projects funds are being sought for, including seed money to start a soccer school for local children who have little access to safe recreation.

In addition to the seminary work here, we have been supporting our children through the **major changes in location, language and culture**, trying to find a new church home and settle in, mourning the inevitable losses of a major move, and navigating the numerous challenges of life which come our way.

During **Christmas** break, we were able to visit with friends and see the ruins of a 2000 year-old native Costa Rican village. We enjoyed a cookout with our neighbors and many of their friends from the church they attend. Some of us even went to the beach for a few days to visit friends and catch a few waves.

There have been very few dull moments and we are continually **amazed by the Lord's goodness and generosity**. We are serving here by His grace and upon His provision and not as a result of human effort on our part, though we have worked very hard. So, as you can see, 2009 was an extremely busy and fruitful year for us, full of transition and newness. We pray that 2010 will be equally fruitful but with less transition.

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Philippians 4:4



We are here!

Please Pray!

Join us in thanking our good God for His love for the *whole world* and for the work He gives every Christian world-wide to help bring His redemptive plan to completion.

→ Pray for a strong 2010 for ESEPA Seminary

→ Pray for Jason as he trains Latin American church leaders and helps ESEPA seek funding to continue doing so.

→ Pray that our visa renewal will be approved at upcoming **immigration appointments**

→ Pray that the Lord will provide funds for us to purchase **home schooling books** for the next school year and a way to get them here.

→ Pray for Haiti

Thank you for your support through prayers and finances. It is comforting and encouraging to know that we have such a great team of supporters partnering with us in this supernaturally inspired endeavor. To Him be the Glory!

In Christ,

Jason, Jessica, Levi, Lily, Simon, Katherine and Johnny



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move their tassels to show they have now officially graduated.

2009 ESEPA graduates

