

# Colombia, South America

## A LAND OF CONTRASTS

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### NOVEMBER NEWS!

This was our last full month here in Costa Rica. We have had no “fall” weather here and no colorful leaves. Everything here remains lush and green year round. When it came time to celebrate Thanksgiving, we felt odd that it was warm outside and the leaves were still green! We did enjoy turkey for Thanksgiving with our American friends and about 10 unsaved Ticos who were invited to join us. We pray that our time together was one of testimony and example to those people. (By the way, we had class on Thanksgiving Day since it is not a recognized holiday here!)

On the day after Thanksgiving, we took our big tests. One is an oral test called the ECO and the other is a three-hour written grammar test. We both made A's on the written test and we scored Advanced Medium and Advanced High on the oral proficiency test. Thank you for your prayers for us during this time at language school. It has been a blessing to be able to focus on language acquisition. (As you can see our little one stole our teachers' heart!)



### Our Spanish Teachers

#### Lizette & Ana

### GRADUATION DAY!

This past Friday, December 10th, we were able to graduate from the Spanish Language Institute in San Jose, Costa Rica. We both received our diplomas. We are sad to leave the friends that we have met and formed bonds with here in Costa Rica, but we are also excited to move forward to the next step God has for us in Colombia. We feel that we have learned much in Costa Rica that has helped to prepare us for Colombia.

What a privilege it has been to be here in Costa Rica for the last 8 months! We have become better equipped to share the most important message accurately in Spanish. We have learned extremely important lessons of culture and ministry through national pastors, being involved in the local church, relationships with Ticos, and little aspects of everyday life. Thank you for your support and prayers that have sustained, strengthened and allowed us to be here.

#### How You Can Pray For Us:

- ✓ Travel plans... arriving stateside Dec. 10th... arriving in Colombia Jan. 6
  - ✓ Pray that God will provide for the deficits in our outfit and passage budget and in our regular support.
  - ✓ neighbor Guillermo & family
- #### Praises:
- ✓ Eliana has all her paperwork!
  - ✓ Language studies are finished!
  - ✓ Juan Randazzo a certified translator served us by translating all of our documents!
  - ✓ We received our Colombian Visas on December 13th!
  - ✓ Doña Janet Ramirez—accepted Christ!!!!

### The Mee Three on Graduation Day!



Thank you for your prayers!

Dan, Jen & Eliana

### BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS!

Thank you for your prayers for Don Guillermo and Doña Janet. Janet had asked if we could meet to study God's word.



Don Guillermo Ramirez and family

We were able to get together Monday afternoon for three hours! I was able to share the gospel with Janet and to answer several of her questions from God's word. Near the end of our time together, she asked me directly what she needed to do to have a relationship with God. Later she prayed and put her faith in Jesus Christ. We cannot express the joy we feel to have seen her make this life-changing decision.

We had dinner at their house on Tuesday evening in celebration of our graduation. It was a good time of fellowship and the joy in Janet's face was so incredible. Both Janet and Guillermo came to our graduation on Friday. The speaker was a pastor from a good, nearby church. We were able to introduce them and encourage them to begin attending that church. Please pray that the pastor and our friends that we have left in contact with them will be able to disciple them and help them to grow in the Lord.

### COLOMBIAN VISAS!

Thank you all for praying that we would be able to obtain our visas. We arrived at the Colombian embassy office in Atlanta today and turned in all the paperwork. The lady was very kind and surprised by all the paperwork we had together. Praise the Lord for giving us favor in her eyes... she gave us our visas just an hour after we turned in the paperwork! (Taking Eliana helped too! :-)

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