



# Costa Rica News

## Ebenezer!

The Greens  
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### God is faithful and his kingdom shall not end!

In the midst of what is turning out to be one of the world's biggest social disasters (the Covid pandemic and all the measures taken), Christ's kingdom is alive, well, and advancing – just as Jesus said it would: “I will build my church, and the gates of Hell will not prevail against it”.

We want to share how the Lord has used the CLIR ministry not only to continue working, but to advance in some ways almost MORE than before the Covid disaster! Look at this list of activities from May through August – in the midst of national shut downs and other “complications”.

- \* 7 conferences dictated through internet
- \* 11 books translated, edited and prepared for printing
- \* 7 books converted into Epub format
- \* Many posts on Facebook and website regarding the conferences, announcements and new books.
- \* 16 complete books printed!
- \* Many books shipped
- \* Maintenance on machinery completed
- \* Administrative, accounting up to date

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God has helped us this far!

### School continues in spite of empty rooms!

For the rest of this school year (through November) our students will study at home. This has been a very difficult year for all involved – teachers, parents and students. We praise the Lord for a great attitude of all involved, and for progress.



**However** - our Christian school is facing its greatest financial challenge of its entire history. Many parents have lost jobs, unemployment benefits do not exist, and releasing teachers would most likely mean losing them. **CECRE depends on the teacher team we have at present!** We have the best personnel we've ever had.

We are asking you to **help the Christian school get over the hump of next school year.** We will need a significant financial boost so as not to close the school – maybe as much as \$10,000 to \$15,000 a month for salaries (our monthly payroll is approximately \$45,000).

# New members come to church *in spite of no worship services for 6 months!*

**God's sovereignty in salvation** is so obvious, only a blind person can't see it! I would like to tell of only two cases that our church has experienced recently. As many of you know, we are planting a church 3 hours to the north of San José. The group is small (some 10 people) and has grown very slowly. One young man, Erny, sought us out, but his wife, Silvia was not interested for a long time. Then, about 4 months ago, she agreed to study an introductory course on Christianity, led by elder Daniel Lobo. She says that at first she didn't understand anything (Silvia is a Social Studies professor!), but little by little God's Spirit opened her heart and mind. Today she confesses Christ enthusiastically as her Lord and Savior! The second case is the family of Gerardo, Wendy and their son Samuel. They formerly attended another church, but God was working in their hearts to desire a Reformed congregation. The family had watched many of our on-line services, and was convinced they wanted to be members – without ever having come to church even once! Aletha and I were able to meet with them once before leaving for home service in July, and now we are anxious to receive these – and others! - into full church membership. Praise the Lord for His sovereign work!



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**The 2021 school year** which begins next February could possibly be the most difficult year the Costa Rica Christian school has ever faced. All indicators point to high unemployment, heavy taxation (already begun), inflation (already begun) and other social and economic crises. **Please consider including in your 2021 budget a special amount for CECRE!**  
**Let's keep CECRE open!**

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