

# 01 AUGUST NEWSLETTER

## Til He Returns Ministry

*A snapshot of what we do here in Costa Rica on a daily, weekly, monthly basis.*

## Grove & Alto Mission Team

*At the end of July we were honored to receive a mission team from Grove Christian Center in Grove, Oklahoma and Alto Community Fellowship in Alto, Texas.*

## Praise Report

*This season has been quite amazing, and we think you should know about it!*



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## WHAT WE DO:

### ZOE International Christian School

ZICS is a small bilingual Christian School that is under the ZOE Ministries umbrella.

Currently, because God has such a great sense of humor, I, Melissa, am the acting Director (Principal) of the K-12 school.

I am helping them pursue ACSI & MSA accreditation (International) and reach a level of excellence comparable to that of an academy in the United States. Also I am helping them acquire national accreditation here in Costa Rica.

Daily I depend on the Holy Spirit for wisdom and guidance to love and provide an atmosphere of grace and growth to the kids and teachers.

### ZOE Experience Internship

ZOE Future Leaders is the missions side of ZOE Ministries that brings in mission teams, interns, and missionaries.

Micah and I have developed a 6-week, 3-month, and 6-month internship program that involves participants in daily ministry, teaching, training, discipleship, and community.

Interns live in community, are held highly accountable, and are challenged to grow daily as they are faced with themselves and their character in a very real way.

We are currently mentoring 3 and are welcoming 2 more in September. They live with us in our home.

### Outside Service

While we serve ZOE most of the time, we also make sure to build relationships with local ministries and serve them when possible.

Micah serves in Zurqui Juvenile Prison; a maximum security prison for youth. We also had the honor of speaking directly in a face to face meeting with the Director of all maximum security prisons in the country. He is helping us to get into as many as we want. Please continue to pray for that process.

Micah also uses hip hop dance to minister to youth and young adults in parks, studios, churches, etc.

We serve Pura Vida Missions which oversees El Nido, a crisis pregnancy center here in Heredia and the David Project that hosts free English classes to the University students among other outreach to the University.

We recently began working with El Rostro de Justicia (The Face of Justice) which is a sex-trafficking ministry operating in the heart of San Jose. They make their presence known weekly in front of the biggest brothels in San Jose and on street corners praying for the girls and guys. We are working to provide an outlet for the men using hip hop events as outreach. Currently the ministry only has found a way to successfully reach the girls. This is a great new open door.

## TIL HE RETURNS

We are so honored to be able to serve God daily using our gifts and talents. This would not be possible if it weren't for our supporters. We want to thank you personally for believing in us, encouraging us, praying for us, sowing financially into the work being done here, and remembering us. We want you to know that God is doing something here that is powerful and life changing. Below are some ways you can get involved!!

- Bring a mission team! Help us do what we are doing!! It doesn't matter how big or small your team is. We will make sure you are taken care of from the moment you arrive to Costa Rica to the moment you leave. We have references if you would like them of past teams we've hosted. We assure you that while of course you will be changed, you will definitely be helping us make an impact on Costa Rica!
- Participate in an internship or a short term ministry visit. During Thanksgiving break, Winter Break, Spring Break, Summer Break! You will never be the same, again we have some current missions interns who would love to share with you about their experience.
- Pray for us daily. We are human and even though we are on the mission field, we still have the same real struggles as the next person. Please pray for us without ceasing. It works!

## JULY 2014 MISSION TEAM

We just had one of the most incredible times of the year. For the second year in a row, Grove Christian Center from Grove, Oklahoma sent a team of 23 with 5 of them being from Alto, Texas. Coming together to do ministry is so energizing and contagious and inspiring. We pray that everyone was touched and encouraged to bring that same fire and passion home with them to impact their own areas.

The team was here from Thursday afternoon until the following Wednesday morning, and in that time we were able to: evangelize to the University students, minister to and pray for the prostitutes and pimps, slum outreach, park evangelism, preaching and teaching, construction/painting/cleaning of ZOE International Christian School, Chapels in schools, spending time with the orphans, feeding the homeless, ministering to 100s of children in the slums of Guarari, and helping the mom of an orphanage to clean and organize her home.

There were so many different moments, experiences, and healings.



# PRAISE REPORT

Since January, when we realized Costa Rica would become home, we began believing and asking people to partner with us in prayer for a vehicle by August. We believed God for the money and committed to be diligent to save our pennies as well.

Well guys, on July 27th, we only had half of the money needed to buy the car that EXACTLY met our list of requirements and God provided the other half!

The Mixon's now are proud owners of this beauty to carry the name of Jesus wherever He leads us! Praise God and thank you to those who God used to make this blessing happen. We pray that God blesses you 100 fold.

To all of our supporters both prayer and financial, please remember that you are also responsible for the ministry that happens here and is about to happen! You make it possible for us to do this!!



## 2003 Jeep Grand Cherokee

4X4 Limited automatic, 4.7 V8 engine. 21 mpg hwy. Serious power! 4WD high and low. All leather, all power, power windows, power seats, heated seats, sunroof, AM/FM/CD stereo, good tires, 108,000 miles. Engine and transmission in great shape, no leaks, oil changed every 3,000 - 5,000 miles.

Shipped from the US 3 years ago.

Our blessing!

## COMING UP...

- August 2014 - Begin teaching *History of Missions & Character of the Christian Leader Courses* in the ZOE Experience Internship.

- December 2014 - Celebrating 3 years serving in Costa Rica

**Next newsletter October 2014**

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