



Radical LifeLines

News from Radical Life Ministries

How do you move a mountain?

This was basically the question in the minds of the disciples when they saw a young boy who suffered from severe seizures (Matthew 17:14).

The desperate father took his son to the disciples of Jesus but they could not heal him. Still, the father believed that Jesus could help his son, so he brought him directly to Jesus.

In the eyes of the disciples this was a circumstance that appeared as a gigantic mountain! However, the father had faith that Jesus could heal his son.

It was the father that brought the son to Jesus not the disciples. I think at times we can all relate to the disciples.

Jesus knew that in the unique case of this particular boy the problem was of a spiritual nature. Jesus cast a demon spirit out of the boy and he was healed immediately. Obviously, not every person who suffers from seizures have a demon spirit. That's not the point here. We know that because Jesus turns to His disciples

and rebukes them for their lack of faith and spiritual discernment. He said to them, "Because you have so little faith. I tell you the truth, if you

"Faith sees the impossible, believes the unbelievable, and receives the impossible."

have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you" (Mat. 17:20). This is not a blanket promise or some sort of magical incantation for getting things done like at a fast food restaurant ("your way; right away"). But rather, Jesus was promising when functioning in God's will, that is...doing what He wants in His way...that nothing would be impossible for you...because it's

God's plan, He is committed to working through you to achieve it.

It could be that some mountains are moved immediately; this totally happens. It could be that it's God's will to move a mountain one grain of sand at a time. How do you move a mountain? First, be sure it's God's will. Second,

believe God that He will do it in His way and in His time. Third, act on His will in love and obedience allow Him to work through you (in the beginning it may seem like your moving one grain of sand at a time but you must start).

Corrie Ten Boom once said, "Faith sees the impossible, believes the unbelievable, and receives the impossible."

I want to thank you so much for believing with us for God to move mountains here in Jaco and allowing Him to work through you! He has done so much! I pray you will be encouraged to see how God has used your faith through your prayers and giving as you read this brief update...

Leadership Development

Radical Life Hosts Dr. Hogan

Recently we at *Radical Life* had the opportunity to host Dr. Shannon Hogan, professor of Organizational Leadership at Trinity College of Florida.



He spoke to our church's leadership team, and his topic was, *Time Management and Biblical Leadership: Jesus' Definition Of Leadership*. Dr. Hogan has a big heart for both missions and leader-

ship. Together with *Radical Life* we have prayerfully initiated a leadership development plan that we are currently working through. We believe Dr. Hogan is a big answer to prayer!

We are already seeing very positive advances with the ministry team here because of how God is working through Dr. Hogan. Lord willing, we will continue the work of developing leaders on the mission field together in the future.

Congratulations!



This past December, Jessica and Fernando graduated from seminary with degrees in Pastoral Ministries. We are so proud of them and thankful to see what God has done in and through this couple.

River Barrio, Copey Barrio, Herradura Barrio

Impacting the Barrios with the Gospel of CHRISTmas!

The celebration of "God's indescribable Gift" overflowed to three barrios in the Jaco area (River Barrio, Copey Barrio, Herradura Barrio), impacting the lives of many children with the Good News of Christ.

That was a result of your giving again this year to God's work, together with the "local ground troops" from Iglesia Radical.

In each barrio, the ministry team taught about the birth of the Savior, sang Christmas songs, served a

meal, invited them to church and gave each child a Christmas gift!

No doubt, this past Christmas will be remembered in the lives of those little ones for years to come.

We are praying that the children who do not know Christ will come to know Him and come to church so they may continue to grow in Him.

We also pray that many of them will be future leaders for Christ in their barrios.

Thank you for bringing the *Light of the Gospel* to these children during such a special time of year!



River Barrio



Copey Barrio



River Barrio



Copey Barrio

An Iglesia Radical Christmas!

We are praising God for the opportunity to celebrate the first Christmas in the new church facilities! We had a special time of worship as we remembered the birth of the Savior.

The theme of this year's message was, "God's indescribable Gift" (II Cor. 9:15). What a blessing to have enough space to all meet together in the same place and a kitchen big enough to cook Christmas

dinner to eat together as a church family.

One of the ways the church members celebrated God's gift was by giving each child in the children's ministry a Christmas gift!



Back to School Bash!

Nine years ago only about three out of thirty-five children from the River Community attended school.

We praise God that a lot has changed since then! This February, because of your support throughout the years, one hundred percent of the children that are of school age are attending school!

Once again this year, God provided each child with a backpack filled with school

materials, a school uniform, and a pair of socks and shoes. What a difference God is making in the lives of these children!

Praise God!



Knapp Family Update

We will remember 2014 as one of the best years of our lives and at the same time one of the most challenging so far to date.

But now, we are praising God for a new year, and we look forward to seeing how He fulfills His purposes in our lives, and what He does in the lives of others. This year, our oldest son, Josiah began junior high school! Josiah is in seventh grade. Josué began third grade, and Lidia started first grade. We also had the opportunity to visit with some family and friends while we were in Florida after Christmas for a few weeks.

We were able to get some rest and to "recharge." It was a little difficult, because we want to visit so many people who are so special to us, but time is always an issue,

and we must return to the work God has called us to do in Costa Rica. When we get to Heaven, I don't think time will be an issue. That's just more reason to look forward to being there!

Answered Prayers

1. The church leadership team has been making great progress in their training and equipping.
2. During my trip to the States this past November, I had the opportunity to visit and thank several people for their additional giving towards the completion of the church's construction. It was

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a very efficient and effective trip. *Thank you so much for your prayers.*

3. Thank you for praying for wisdom. As I have been seeking God on some things, I feel that He has given me a clear direction for His vision for the ministry here for the next two to three years. (I will share some of the details in next quarter's letter). *I also feel that God has just told me to trust Him and wait to see what He does.*

4. Through your prayers and your giving, God provided a much needed new vehicle.

Prayer Requests

1. Our son, Josué (8 years old) had surgery last June to insert tubes in his ears to prevent hearing loss, due to ear infections. The tubes are temporary and should fall out on their own, but so far only one has come out. Since the tubes have been in, he has not been able to put his head under water (no swimming for almost a year). *Please pray that God would heal Josué's ears and that the remaining tube would fall out.*
2. Our other son, Josiah was skateboarding the first week of February at the church

during a leadership meeting and fell and broke his arm. The doctors say he still may need surgery. *Please pray that God will heal Josiah's arm and that surgery will not be necessary.*

3. The first week of August I was exercising (jogging up and down several hills in Jaco), and I herniated a disc in my lower back and pulled several muscles. I could not get out of bed for several days and went to physical therapy for months. In December I had a surgical procedure. Since August, my pain has been a real challenge for Pamela, the kids and me, and I have been working with a physical therapist since February to recover and relieve the pain. *Please pray that God would heal my back.*
4. *Please pray that God would continue to help Pamela and me train and equip the leadership team at the church and that God would help them to train and equip those who serve under them.*
5. *Please pray to the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into the harvest field of Jaco and send them to Iglesia Radical.* We are expecting a second wave of growth in the church this year, and we need laborers.



6. *Please pray that God would continue to protect our marriage and our kids as we live in a very destructive environment for both of these areas.*
7. *Please pray for God's continued financial provision for Radical Life.*

Again, thank you so much for your faith, prayers and support towards what God is doing here in Costa Rica. May God continue to bless you as you follow Him!

Muchísimas Gracias,
In His service,

Pastor David and Family

The Knapp family is serving in Playa Jaco, Costa Rica.

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