

Radical LifeLines

News from Radical Life Ministries



We Continue to Grow!

We praise God for the Watkins Christian Foundation for providing a generous gift to build a multipurpose facility next to the sanctuary of the church.

We are almost ready to inaugurate the facility. We just have a few more details to finish. The building includes the option to play soccer, basketball, volleyball, skateboarding or roller skating among many other activities. We have already used the facility for a giant yard sale to raise funds for our upcoming women's retreat. We also had a three-day basketball camp led by Jeff Kirtley and his daughter Katie from Keystone Heights, Florida. They taught the fundamentals of basketball and shared some dynamic Gospel-centered life lessons. The kids loved it!

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What a blessing it will be to have protection from the hot tropical sun and the heavy downpours during the rainy season!

Jesus said, "Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come

in, so that my house will be full" (Luke 14:23).

We do not see using sports as a gimmick; rather, as a platform to preach the Gospel and make disciples in obedience to Jesus' command to "compel" the people to come in and fill his house. We are excited about the opportunities to use soccer, basketball, skateboarding, surfing, or whatever...(of course, we know surfing is Jesus' favorite because He walked on water... hee hee hee!).

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Mobile Baptistery

Greetings from Costa Rica!

Thank you for your prayers. This year our main prayer request is for church growth, and God is responding! The man in the picture is named **Nelson**. He works in construction and recently trusted Christ as his Savior and wanted to be baptized. I told him I had an idea to build a mobile baptistry for the church and asked if he would be willing to help me build it and he agreed. We bought a water tank and Nelson transformed it into a beautiful baptistry! So far, three people have been baptized in the new baptistry on wheels!

Leadership Retreat

Encouragement and Challenge

Our special guest speaker for last year's leadership retreat was **Pastor Diego Jaramillo** from Iglesia Bautista: Fuente de Luz y Salvación, located in Orange Park, Florida.

Pastor Diego was our pastor when we responded to God's call sixteen years ago to commit our lives to full time ministry. He preached at Iglesia Radical during our Friday night service and then traveled with our ministry team to La Fortuna near the Arenal Volcano.

At the retreat pastor Diego taught our leaders about working together as a team to serve the congregation as we carry out the mission of the church. We were reminded again of the impor-

tance of getting away as a team to seek God and enjoy fellowship together. Jesus would often take his disciples away from the multitudes and into the wilderness to rest and spend special time with them.

The teaching was encouraging and challenging. It was very special to have pastor Diego here for a few days. He and his wife, Patricia have been a huge source of encouragement and spiritual support throughout our lives.



Church Sponsors National Surf Circuit



The church has been invited to sponsor a competitive national surf circuit called: "El Circuito Metropolitano de Surf."

This year they have four competitions near Jacó. The church's logo is featured on all of the official promotional products of the competitions and during the events, the announcer publicizes the church over the loud-speaker. In exchange for the publicity, the church provides

Gatorade and fruit for the competitors and does beach clean-up. This outreach allows the church to serve our community in Jesus' name and build relationships to share the Gospel. The apostle Paul said, "I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some" (I Cor. 9:22).

Two Scholarship Recipients Graduate College

Because of your giving, **Gustavo Corrales** graduated in December from ESEPA seminary with his bachelor's degree in Pastoral Studies.

He is now serving as assistant pastor at Iglesia Radical. He also holds two other jobs, certifying judges throughout Latin

America for surf contests with the International Surfing Association and he is head judge for the National Surfing Federation of Costa Rica. He is also very busy at home as he sup-

ports his wife Andrea while she is earning her master's degree in psychology. Andrea is also a Radical Life scholarship recipient and plans to graduate in 2019.

In 2013 **Gustavo Saravia** received a certificate in Biblical counseling from ESEPA seminary and this March graduated with his bachelor's degree in psychology from Universidad Iberoamericana. He will graduate this December with his master's degree in psychology.

After he finishes his university degree Gustavo believes God is calling him to use his counseling skills to serve the church and at the same time seek local

employment in his field.

We praise God that through your support we are able to continue one of the leadership training strategies modeled in the New Testament. Paul told Timothy, "And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others" (II Tim. 2:2).



Gustavo Corrales



Gustavo Saravia

Camping With the Christian Surfers

This year was the second year we were able to attend the Christian Surfers camp in Mar Bella, located in the Northern Guanacaste Province.

Pastor Fernando and I made the six-hour drive to bring a group of young surfers from the youth group from Iglesia Radical. We camped for two nights and learned from a series of Bible studies focused towards surfers called "God's Shaping Room." Isn't it amazing how God uses things from our past?

I was asked to bring a surf-

board blank (styrofoam) and some surfboard shaping tools to help illustrate how God shapes us through life's circumstances to draw us to Him and to make us more like Christ. Two people from Iglesia Radical were baptized in the ocean. The camp was well organized by the CS leadership and a great victory for God's kingdom.



Outreach To The River Community



they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous" (Luke 14:13-14). Thank you for showing God's love for them in such a practical and tangible way.

Christmas

Last year was the tenth annual Christmas outreach to this special community. This year, the children's ministry from Iglesia Radical shared the message of birth of the Savior, sang Christmas carols and taught a craft. Every child from the community received a Christmas gift, every family a food basket, and we all enjoyed the

traditional chicken and rice. God has done so much in this community. He is the *Difference Maker!* (II Cor. 5:17).



Back To School

Again this year, because of your giving, every child of school age from this community received a school uniform, shoes, and a backpack full of school materials. For many of these kids, if it wasn't for this help, they would not be able to attend school. If they go on to finish high school, they will be the first in the history of their families to do so. We are praying that God will use their education to grow their appreciation for Him and that some of them will become leaders in the surrounding churches and communities.

Many of us cannot imagine living in the difficult circumstances these kids face everyday. Speaking about caring for people in need Jesus said, "But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although

Short Term Missions

So far this year, we have received one short-term mission team from Bryan College, in Dayton, Tennessee, in partnership with ESEPA seminary. They came to help with the first phase of construction to build a house for a family in great need in Herradura (neighboring community of Jacó). We are facilitating the construction of a house in partnership with a ministry called "Casas de Esperanza." It's similar to *Habitat for Humanity*, but it also connects people to local churches and distributes Bibles.



Several volunteers from Iglesia Radical are helping with the construction and cooking meals for the volunteers.

Knapp Family Update

There has been a lot going on in the lives of the Knapp family. Here are just a few of the latest events.

Lida is 8 and in 3rd grade. She is smart and beautiful like her mother and outgoing and silly like her father. She was born in Costa Rica, and like every Costa Rican little girl at school, learns the typical dances of Costa Rica.

Josué is 10 and in the 5th grade. He had to quickly get out of the ocean while surfing on several occasions, and as a result, is nervous about going too far from shore. He enjoys body surfing, fishing, soccer, basketball and bike riding. At church, his ministry

is keeping his teachers on their toes.

Josiah is 14 and in the 9th grade. For sports in Jacó, there are two choices—soccer or surfing. He chose surfing (the *correct* choice in my opinion...hee hee hee!).

He competes in three national surfing circuits and is currently ranked number six in the country. As he enters adolescence while growing up in Jacó, it is very important that we keep him busy. Josiah wakes up early and trains and surfs almost every day. He serves at church in the audio and visual room editing videos and helping to organize the words to the worship songs.

On March 5th, Pamela and I celebrated 20 years of marriage! We are so thankful to God for His mercy in our lives. We are thankful for the three children He has given us. We are thankful for the calling He has on our lives. We are thankful for the wonderful friends like you He has given us that work together with us to advance the Gospel.

Thank you so much for your heart for this ministry. Thank you for your



encouragement, prayers and support. May God continue to bless you!

Muchísimas Gracias,
In His service,

Pastor David and Family

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



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