

Prayer Requests

- 1) Wisdom for leading our family, the church and **Radical Life**.
- 2) That the small groups would be used mightily by God for both discipleship and evangelism.
- 3) That God would put together an administrative team to establish both the academy and Bible Institute.
- 4) That God would help our ministry team members focus on their individual role and main objectives.
- 5) That God would provide all the funds necessary to complete Phase I of the construction in the first part of 2018 (Phase I includes: perimeter fencing, entrance construction, access road and main parking).

Thank you so much for being a part of what God is doing in Costa Rica! May God bless you. Merry Christmas!

The Knapp Family
The Knapps are serving in Playa Jaco, Costa Rica



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News from Radical Life Ministries

Update Letter

A Little History And a Big Announcement

In 2002 God gave Pamela and me a vision to plant a church in **Playa Jacó, Cost Rica**. We knew it was a calling far beyond us and we needed a lot of training. We began looking for places that would prepare us for the battle ahead.

A lady from my parents' church named **Mrs. Minder** suggested we check out a small college near Tampa, where her husband, **Dr. John Minder** taught and mentored **Billy Graham**. Dr. Minder would bring the young Billy Graham to Melrose, Florida to practice his preaching skills at Lake Swan Camp at *Youth for Christ* meetings. (I'm from Melrose, too). Thankfully, God led us to Trinity Bible College of Florida. During our studies at Trinity College, God refined His calling on our lives.

After graduation, we moved to Costa Rica in 2006 and began church services under a mango tree. We meet under the tree for two years, until God provided a place to rent in a commercial center located in downtown Jacó. While we continued to establish the church, God showed us a beautiful piece of land—*almost five acres*—located on the Pan-American Highway in the center of Jacó. We began to pray that God would provide this land for the church. We asked many people to join us in trusting God for this property.

In 2010, God miraculously pro-

vided the funds to purchase a part of the five acres to build the church facilities! Through many trials and challenges, God confirmed His calling on our lives and further developed His vision. The remaining part of the

please close the door. If You don't want us to purchase this land, please let someone else buy it, but if You want us to purchase it, please help us raise all of the funds necessary."

Seven years later...*God has answered many prayers!* We are so thankful to announce: *We were able to purchase the land because of the generosity of people like you who believe in what God wants to do here in Jacó!*

Of course, we will begin small and grow, but I believe a Christian Academy and Bible Institute the size God has in mind to build in Jacó will not only have a strong influence locally, but also, nationally *and beyond!* I'm convinced God is allowing us to live in a window of opportunity to build the spiritual infrastructure for the advancement of the Gospel. We have the privilege to provide a strong foundation for this generation and those in the future to develop healthy churches, leaders, families and children. I'm excited to let you know that



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land was still for sale, and we still felt God wanted us to acquire the land to establish a Christian Academy for children and a Bible College to train leaders for ministry.

I began to pray, *"Dear God, I really believe You have given us a clear direction to go forward, but this is a huge step, and if this is not Your plan,*

we plan to organize an administrative team and begin the first phases of construction as soon as possible!

For those who would like to give towards this opportunity you may visit our website and give there or send your gift to **Radical Life Ministries** and write: *"Development of new land."*

Spreading the Good News

The Gospel, Baptisms and Discipleship

You have prayed with us for God to grow the church and He is answering!

Every week we share the Gospel and people are responding. This year we have baptized 27 people and currently we have three on the list to be baptized soon! We currently have five different small group Bible



studies. The material we use in the studies is called "First Principles," and we are loving it!



supplies. It was a great opportunity to love and care for our community in the name of Jesus. We are so thankful for the facilities God has provided to love our neighbors in this way.



Safe From Nate

Shelter From the Storm

Once again this year we were able to offer the church facilities to be used as an official shelter during the tropical storm, Nate.

There were eighty people that stayed two nights at the church, due to flooding in their neighborhoods. The volunteers from the church

cooked meals and delivered donations to those in need. After the initial emergency, the church served as a staging area to receive and distribute



From Costa Rica to Cuba

The Caribbean Connection



Dariél and his family

In September, I traveled to Jovellanos, Cuba with Yondri Díaz one of our scholarship students from Jacó.

We went there to find a friend of mine named Dariél with the possibility of him coming to Costa Rica to serve on the administrative team to start the Bible Institute in Jacó. I first meet Pastor Dariél in 2001 when my dad and I traveled together to Cuba to do a land survey on the Southern

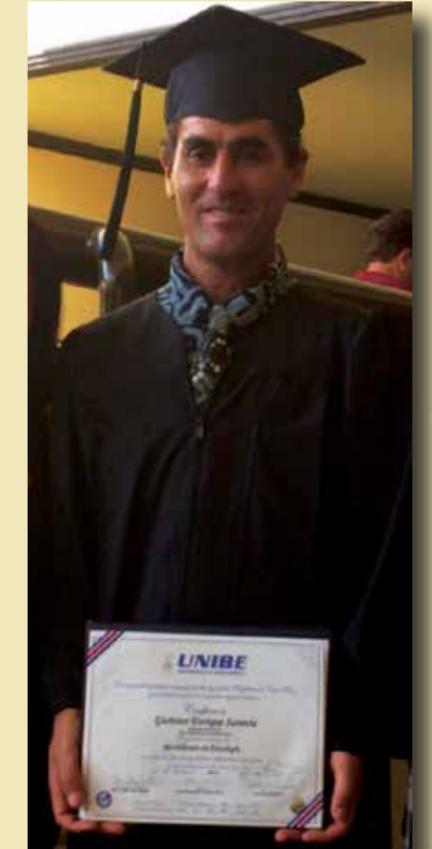
Baptist Seminary in Havana. Dariél was a student there at the time. We have kept in touch for all these years and I pray God will give us an opportunity to work together in Jacó. We are working on getting his visa to come to Costa Rica. Please pray that his visa will be approved!

Our Retreat For Leadership



What an answer to prayer to have Pastor Diego Jaramillo and his wife, Patricia visit this year to help minister to our leadership team. Pastor Diego is the founding and senior pastor of Iglesia Fuente de Luz y Salvación in Jacksonville, Florida. He taught a seminar called: "A Leader Like Jesus." It was a big encouragement for Pamela and me and for all the team to be able to visit with them both and to serve together. Diego and Patricia were our spiritual leaders when God called us to the mission field.

Our First Scholarship Student To Earn Master's Degree



Gustavo Saravia came from Argentina to Costa Rica to party and surf, but his life completely changed when he meet Jesus at Iglesia Radical. God has called Gustavo to counseling. Because of your generosity, he has been able to study full time at La Universidad Iberoamericana since 2013. Gustavo graduated this month with a Master's Degree in Psychology.

He plans to get a job and practice counseling at church on a volunteer basis.