



Not So Boring Bible Costa Rica Return Mission Trip - May 9-13, 2024

Our journey began on May 9<sup>th</sup> as expected. What we didn't expect was 1 canceled flight, a tornado in Dallas, 7 delay flights and an overnight in Dallas in a nearby hotel by the airport. Three adults and three kids were on a real mission to make it to San Jose, Costa Rica. We knew we were going to make it eventually, we just didn't fully know when. That became a little complicated as we had people waiting on us to shuttle us for 4 hours once we arrived to Costa Rica. After countless phone calls and messages, we made it 2 days later at midnight.

We ended up going through a very interesting and scary customs entry to Costa Rica, apparently entering the country with two large suitcases filled with 150 water filters wasn't going to go unnoticed as we had hoped. A very nice lady in customs mentioned "it was illegal" to bring donations into the country. I showed her a letter stating we were not to be reselling them and that they 100% were going to be donated. She whispered in my ear "grab your bags and just go." Maybe being 2 days later and arriving at midnight wasn't a bad thing after all. We understood God had put the right people in our way, then more than ever we felt in our hearts that God's timing is always the right one.

We met the one and only Rasta at the airport. He as well had been waiting for us for 2 days and had arranged our shuttle back to Talamanca. We made it to our temporary home at 4 am on May 11<sup>th</sup>. We had no time to waste! So, at 8 am we began our mission!

Santos is a local pastor and Rasta's friend. He organized for us to visit three different Indigenous communities. Tanagra, Las Palmas and Sabala.

We also got to meet the King family. Brian and Kati are a family from Maine that were volunteering in Costa Rica for close to 6 months. They happened to have family as well in Carbondale, CO, an area most of us are familiar with. We are looking forward to staying in touch with them!

We are looking forward to seeing how God keeps working to answer prayers. It was a complete blessing to be a part of this Mission Trip, and we will forever be grateful for this opportunity.

God Bless,

The Not So Boring Bible Costa Rica Return Mission Team



From L to R: Rasta, Josh and Santos

They have become our extended family in Costa Rica. We love to stay in constant touch with them and listen to all the amazing work they do around their area.



At the WYAM base getting the buckets ready for work!

We had the delight to start the day in Tanagra, an indigenous community. We installed 50 water filters, delivered kids bibles and made lots of new friends!



In the second half of the day, we were able to go back to so many special places for us! For we got to meet these families back in October 2023.

We went to the Duarte- Sanchez home, the Martinez- Gomez and Erlinda's home (the pink home). All families are doing great! The Duarte's (yellow house) are about to complete their new tile floor. The Martinez were enjoying some home-made snacks with their children at tea time. And Erlinda was enjoying the company of her beautiful 4-month-old baby boy! It was a joy to get to see everyone one more time and to check in on how all were doing and to see how these homes have become their forever homes.





On our last day we got to start our day by going to the Palmas community. We installed and donated 50 water filters, talked to many locals and enjoyed the company of some really cute puppies!





After Palmas we drove to Sabala, the last community in our schedule. We were pleased to complete installing the last 50 water filters in no time, got to meet a lot of natives from the area, which some were from Costa Rica, but another large part of their community was also from Panama.



On the last day, we finished everything with enough time to get to visit the local beach. Then again, we saw how the lord gifted us with such a memorable moment with old and new friends. The lord showed us that 2 days was all we needed to get our mission completed and still gifted us with some “relaxing” times.





Mission Team

From L to R: Santos, Josh, Steve, Eva, Maria, Noah, Dante, Delfina, Rasta and Brian with his kids (not pictured Kati)



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