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WELCOME TO OUR

## *Monthly Newsletter*



### Ministry Update

Warm greetings from Costa Rica! As we step into this new year, we are filled with gratitude for your continued prayers and support. We are excited to share the many ways God has been moving in our lives and ministry, and we want to invite you to rejoice with us in the victories and opportunities He has brought our way.

### In this newsletter:

Ministry highlights, Exciting new ministry opportunities, Prayer requests, Ways to get involved!

### Matthew 28:16-20

PARTNERING WITH YOU TO  
SPREAD THE GOSPEL AND SERVE  
OTHERS IN SAN RAMÓN AND  
SAN ISIDRO COSTA RICA



## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

ENGLISH, ART, AND MUSIC  
CLASSES IN SAN RAMÓN

SERVING AT PALABRA VIVA  
CALVARY CHAPEL

### English, Art, and Music Classes in San Ramón

Our ongoing English classes, as well as art and music programs, continue to be a vibrant part of our outreach in San Ramón. These classes have not only provided valuable skills for the adults and children in our neighborhood, but they've also opened doors for us to build deeper relationships with our community.

We are especially excited to share that the children who attended our English classes all passed their exams with flying colors! In fact, two of our students were exempt from their final exams due to their excellent grades. Praise God for these successes and for the way He is using these classes to impact both the academic and spiritual lives of the children.



### Palabra Viva Calvary Chapel

We are blessed to continue serving at Palabra Viva Calvary Chapel in San Isidro de El General. Chris and Sienna are serving in the worship team for Sunday services in Spanish, and Iliana is teaching in the children's ministry. It has been a joy to see the church grow in both number and spiritual depth.

We recently had an exciting opportunity to meet with Pastor Chris Arista, who shared that he has identified a group of men within the church who have a strong desire to serve in more committed roles. Additionally, there is a growing need for one-on-one discipleship, home groups, and assistance with missions teams coming in from the United States. In response to this, we hosted our first gathering on January 11, 2025, a meeting with Pastor David Mercer from Calvary Chapel Flathead Valley in Montana. It was a powerful time of fellowship and vision-casting, and we are praying that God will continue to raise up faithful leaders from this group.

**EXCITING NEW MINISTRY  
OPPORTUNITIES**



# Exciting New Ministry Opportunities



## BI-LINGUAL SERVICE

We are thrilled to announce that, beginning in February 2025, Palabra Viva will be launching a Bi-Lingual Saturday evening service. This service will meet the needs of both English and Spanish-speaking members of the community, including those who work on Sundays and are unable to attend the regular service.

Chris will be serving as the worship leader for this service, and Sienna will be a part of the worship team. Iliana will also be training to serve as one of the translators for the service. We are excited to be a part of this important new ministry that will help bridge language barriers and create an inclusive space for everyone to hear the gospel.

## CHURCH EXPANSION AND RENOVATIONS

The church is growing! Although Palabra Viva has remained in the same location, they've expanded into a larger part of the facility. There have been many renovations to the new space, and with Chris's background in construction, he has been helping with some of the work, including relocating aspects of the electrical system. We are grateful for the opportunities to serve in both practical and spiritual ways, and we look forward to seeing how God will continue to bless this ministry.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

As we step into a new year of ministry, we would appreciate your prayers in the following areas:

- **New Opportunities to Serve:** Pray for the Bi-Lingual Saturday service, that it will effectively reach both English and Spanish-speaking people in the city, and that the worship and translation will glorify God and be a blessing to those who attend.
- **Travel and Logistics:** We are currently walking 40 to 60 miles per week to fulfill our ministry commitments, and while we use public transportation when possible, it has its challenges. We are praying for God's provision—either for a vehicle or for a way to move closer to the city. This would allow us to be more present in the church and serve the community more effectively, especially since commuting from our remote location is difficult. However, moving closer would increase our rent significantly, so we are seeking God's direction.
- **Discipleship and Leadership:** Pray for the men who are stepping up to take on more leadership in the church. May they grow in their faith and their ability to serve the church and community in powerful ways.
- **Health and Strength:** With so many new responsibilities and challenges, we ask for prayer for our family's health, strength, and endurance as we continue to serve.
- **Residency Process:** Please pray for our temporary residency application as we navigate this important process. We trust that God will provide the necessary steps and guidance for us to remain here long-term.

## TEMPORARY RESIDENCY APPLICATION

After having been here in Costa Rica for over a year now, we are in the process of applying for temporary residency. This is an important step for us as it will allow us to stay long-term and continue serving the people here more effectively. We ask for your prayers as we navigate the application process and trust that God will guide us through the paperwork and requirements.

### WAYS YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

Your continued support means so much to us, and there are several ways you can partner with us as we move forward in ministry:

- Pray: We ask that you keep us in your prayers—specifically for the launch of the Bi-Lingual service, the new leadership development happening at Palabra Viva, and for God's provision in terms of transportation and housing.
- Financial Support: If you are able to contribute financially, it would be a great blessing. We have specific needs related to transportation and ministry expansion.
- Share the Word: Please help us spread the word about the work we're doing here in Costa Rica. If you know of anyone who might be interested in supporting or learning more about our ministry, feel free to pass along this newsletter or our contact information.

## THANK YOU!

Thank you once again for your faithful support. We are deeply grateful for the ways God is using you to help us continue His work here in Costa Rica. Your prayers, encouragement, and financial support enable us to serve with greater effectiveness and joy. May God bless you abundantly as you continue to partner with us in this great mission!

With much love and appreciation,  
The Bialy Family

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Your support helps us continue this important work!

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