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Dear Church Family,

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to everyone! We are so thankful this season because our hope does not depend on the circumstances of this world. We are thankful that our peace rests in the Lord and His promises alone. This is something only a child of God can understand and enjoy. I challenge each of you to look to the Lord in these crazy times and be thankful that the only throne that matters is occupied by the King of King and Lord of Lords, the Savior of this dying world.

We rejoice that despite many obstacles our church in Costa Rica has been able to sustain and move forward. We are still dealing with multiple restrictions that make it complicated to operate, but the folks have been faithful and endured the constant changes levied by our Health Ministry. We are currently in the middle of our annual Missions Conference and rejoice in how God is challenging our hearts to increase our role and participation in God's kingdom work, even though we have more obstacles than ever before. We are also focusing on the continuing development of the online program for our Seminary, since in-person classes have been impossible to restart. Despite this, our courses are better attended than the traditional in-person classes simply because of the reality of how things move and communicate these days. We recognize that we need to adapt to this new reality or become irrelevant. Please pray for us that God will direct this effort since it will require a massive amount of hours and many people to retool our traditional courses to an online format. For many years we have said that we desire for our Seminary to be a regional resource. We didn't realize that it would be done digitally. Praise God these tools exist, and we can offer them to more people this way.

Our family is doing well. Recently Rachel resigned her job in Phoenix, Arizona to move back to the East Coast. As you can imagine we are thankful that she will be closer to family and a basic support group. As any parents we are always concerned for our kids' wellbeing and closer is always better. She will be in Florida for now and we have family and churches in that area.

We are currently working on next year's vision and schedule. God is still being patient concerning His return, so we are still forging ahead to make the most impact possible before the trumpet sounds! We ask that you help us pray for direction and confirmation as to what God wants for us. We have served now for 25 years in Latin America and feel that God has much more for us to do. Just like many of you, we have had to reinvent our methods somewhat, but the goals remain the same--Reach the Lost, Build the Church, Train the Troops. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your prayer and faithful support.

In Christ,

The White Family

Jonathan, Tina, Rachel, Rose, Julie, Natalie

A note from Mom...

Dear Churches,

This year has passed very fast, and life goes on at what seems to be an incredible speed. We are still so very restricted here that we are still obligated to wear masks until the first of December. Driving restrictions are being partially removed, and a few more businesses that were closed because of the pandemic are now being opened.

What a strange time we are living in. October 24 made a year since Danny went to Heaven. Sam and family took me to the cemetery to place flowers, and we realize how blessed he is to be walking on gold with Jesus instead of being here in this crazy and sometimes dangerous world.

The job situation is bad here and there have been a few bands of hoodlums around town, more than usual. No one has ever bothered us as God watches over us. We ask for your prayers for continued protection and thank you for keeping us lifted in prayer.

The plans shared with you in earlier letters about starting new works are still on hold. We are so restricted that it's just something we cannot do yet. We still speak of it frequently and it is still on our hearts. Pray for these restrictions to be lifted.

This week I will be starting a Music class after what seems forever of not having classes. We have several young men to train and praise the Lord for the opportunity.

Our grandchildren are back in school and classes are almost back to normal. Some of the restrictions are being lifted but at a much slower rate than in the states.

Church services have had great attendance with new people!!! Wonderful!!! The pandemic seems to have been helpful in moving folks' hearts to get right with the Lord.

Pray for us to move forward and have wisdom as we serve here. Thank you so much. May God bless each one as we celebrate this beautiful Thanksgiving and Christmas season.

Serving the King,

Maria White