

Medical Tourist?

Greetings from Costa Rica. Some might say that "medical tourism" is the way to beat the health care issues. There might be something to that! We have combined our travel time to include checking everything from old plumbing and bad teeth to 2003 colon cancer; visiting friends and supporters here in Central America; and of course, seeing our first grandchild. As a result, both of us are recovering from surgery.

We are thankful that all the biopsies are negative and we are more fit every day even though we have extended our stay three times to give more time for healing. Here are some candid thoughts from Steve:

I feel like I've been kicked in the batteries, twice. Recovery is spelled, (R & R) Rest in the Redeemer, Recover and Return, all in His timing of course.

On one of my worst days after surgery, February 12, Dianne read to me a devotional from Streams in the Desert by Cowman. Perhaps someone reading this might be encouraged as I was that day. ("Your heavenly Father knows" Matthew 6:32.) A visitor at a school for the deaf and dumb was writing questions on the blackboard for the children. Towards the end of his time he wrote, "Why has God made me to hear and speak and made you deaf and dumb?" The awful sentence fell upon the little ones like a fierce blow in the face. They sat palsied before the dreadful "Why?" And then a little girl arose. Her lip was trembling. Her eyes were swimming with tears. Straight to the blackboard she walked and picking up the crayon, wrote with firm hand these precious words: "Even so Father, for so it seemed good in Thy sight."

What a reply! Our light and momentary affliction doesn't begin to compare to hers, but it's reassuring to know that it's all in His plan and it's good. Romans 8:28

Highlights of Costa Rica

Here are some picture highlights. It wasn't all pain! We have gotten in some precious family time. The end of Malachi speaks of the turning of the hearts of the

fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers... We have had the privilege of coming alongside Aaron and Melissa in ways that we have long prayed for.

We are thankful also that our son, David, was able to join us for two weeks. Medicine for the "father's" heart!



Aaron, Melissa, and baby Raquel.



Squeezing her prize!



Our son David visiting.



Raul and family—an ex-con who Steve disciplined who is now carrying on our ministry to the prisons.



Our sweet new granddaughter—Raquel.



The group of children from a Costa Rican slum who sent their money to help the street boys in Kenya.



Soldiers for Jesus in Costa Rica—Steve's old biker friends.



Raquel's dedication at Melissa's parent's home.



Connecting with former prison ministry Director and his family.

Jordy and family—a Carpio boy that we reached out to is now grown up!

Enjoying fun times with family.



Plans

“Our” plan (we say that tentatively because obviously the Lord has been interrupting our plans), as far as we know, is to arrive back in the States April 5. Thank you to those who have contacted us to reserve dates to get together. We’ve not forgotten and are looking forward to seeing as many as possible.

We’ve welcomed the extended times of reflection and prayer. It’s amazing how a “forced rest” gives you time to step back to see the bigger picture and listen to God’s heart! More of that in the next newsletter, but for now, thank so much for your prayers and support. “...The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and wonderful results” James 5:16. You haven’t been “just” praying, you have been working!

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