

## 6.2 EARTHQUAKE JOLTS COSTA RICA

**Strongest Earthquake in 150 Years Hits 20 Miles NW of San Jose 34 Dead, 91 Injured, More Missing  
Rock Slides, Broken Dams, Heavy Rains Hamper Rescue Efforts as Strong Aftershocks Continued**

One week after our winter Missionary Training School began, a powerful earthquake rocked central Costa Rica. The effects of the dam breaks, flooding, and mudslides wreaked havoc on the Rio Sarapiquí. As the river became a mass of brown “jello” all aquatic life except for the crocodiles, suffocated. Our big boat Lucille sustained extensive damage to its motor, and another boat later capsized and sank. The river has cleared now, but the crocodiles are STILL hungry!! People are gradually starting to go in the river again but are very cautious.



**No more bathing or washing clothes in the river!**

### HOW DO YOU WIN A WAR? ONE BATTLE AT A TIME.



**PRACTICING WHAT THEY LEARN, STUDENTS CONDUCT SERVICES IN AREA VILLAGES**



**JUDY THE NURSE TEACHEING LOCAL WOMEN**

***Our assigned territory:*** The Rivers along the border of Costa Rica and Nicaragua.

***Purpose:*** To leave the residents of these river tributaries well disciplined to be dominated by the Holy Spirit so that they might move out of their own complacency to be soldiers of Christ.

***Preparation:*** We just finished another boot camp in March, equipping the trainees to move forward without hesitation, maintaining their persistence and stamina.

***Reinforcements:*** **Leesa** is stationed at the Rama village (**Carrie** has just returned to Canada after 6 months of faithful service); **Juan** is setting up a ministry at the Delta property; **Pastor Franklin** is at the Media Vuelta church ; **Brandi** helps with hospitality; **Glenn** works with ministry development; **Anita** leads music and assists Ana in numerous ways.

## MISSION SCHOOL MOMENTS



New Mission song: "They Will Know We Are Christians by Our Beards"



Brandi and Joshua checking blood pressure



Dr. Mike taught and conducted medical clinics



Leesa's house in the Rama village



Juan and Warner baptized

Juan is now 35 years old. I've known Juan since he was 19 years old. When I first came here, he lived with me to help take care of the farm, but mostly to protect me. He had a machete wound that was my first to stitch up with a needle from my sewing kit. The lack of anesthesia in those days didn't matter as he fainted and felt nothing. Juan has often accompanied us as we move along these rivers sharing the gospel. He made a commitment to Christ during this last school as he was journeying with us. He wants to be a mission preacher, and has agreed to head up the ministry at the Delta base.

## PRAISE AND PRAYER

- We were blessed by our mission school students: John and Judy Ginnity from Colorado; Matt Campbell and Josh Friedrich both from Canada, and Brandi from Florida
- Ana attended her 50th high school reunion in Cocoa, FL, and had a great time reacquainting with friends
- Ana and Susie then went to our CTEN orientation in San Antonio. What a wonderful group of believers and time of encouragement! We were joined by John and Carol Hawley who are seeking God's guidance about their role with Palmas de Mamre
- Pastor Franklin was invited to start church plant in a nearby town. He needs a horse for transportation
- Mark Grumbles, a missionary in San Jose, brought a group who did evangelism in our area
- We have several people coming to help in the ministry this summer, including three former Mission School graduates who will stay for several months.
- Pray for Andrew, Joshua, Abby, Donika and Mr. Lynn that they will be places where they will be best used to glorify the Father
- Remember Leesa ministering in the Rama. A partner is needed for her.
- Praise for all those who give of themselves to this ministry



Praise to our God for this group from Warrenton ,VA that spent a week of intense labor pouring the slab for a house for Franklin's family (right), and making many repairs on the church, as well as building a kitchen for them.  
The church is growing under Franklin's care.



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Please contact me if you have any questions.

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