

Report on Outfit and Passage Needs
March 7, 2001

Praise the Lord! We are nearly finished with our language studies! We are planning to leave Costa Rica on May 8 of this year for the Dominican Republic. Below is an updated assessment of our costs, savings, and needs for our outfit and passage to move to the Dominican Republic. It has been exciting to us to see how God has been providing the funds for these needs.

We ask that you continue to consider these needs prayerfully in two ways. First, we ask that you pray with us that our expenses will be reduced. Secondly, we ask that you pray asking God if He would have you help with one of these needs. Our personal goal is to save \$2,000 more from our regular support money before we leave in May (since our last report, we were able to save \$4,000).

In His Service,
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1. Residency Visa Process:
Est. cost: \$2,500
Have: \$2,500 (spent \$2,500)
Need: \$0

2. Plane Tickets:
Est. cost: \$1,000
Have: \$755
Need: \$245

3. Container Shipping/Fees:
Est. cost: \$5,500
Have: \$2,000
Need: \$3,500

4. Initial Housing Costs:
Est. cost: \$5,000
Have: \$3,923
Need: \$1,077

5. Vehicle:
Est. cost: \$16,000
Have: \$13,300
Need: \$2,700

6. Refrigerator:
Est. cost: \$1,000
Have: \$1,000
Need: \$0

7. Washer:
Est. cost: \$400
Have: \$400
Need: \$0

8. Back-up Power Supply:
Est. cost: \$2,800
Have: \$476
Need: \$2,324

9. Two Air Conditioners:
Est. cost: \$1,200
Have: \$692
Need: \$508

10. Miscellaneous Expenses:
Est. cost: \$1,500
Have: \$1,165 (spent \$1,032.95)
Need: \$335

Total est. cost: \$36,900
Total saved: \$26,211
Total needed: \$10,689

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Dear friends,

“Juntos podemos,” a Spanish phrase that means “together we can,” was recently used by President George W. Bush in an address to a special joint session of Congress to introduce his new tax plan. Just as the support of the congress is vital to the success of the President’s tax proposal, so is your help vital to us. With your help, we are almost finished with language school and looking forward to arriving in the Dominican Republic!

In our last prayer letter, we asked that you please pray for our outfit and passage needs. We praise the Lord for the churches that have been able to help financially, and that some of our estimated outfit and passage costs have been reduced! We ask that you continue to pray that our costs will be further reduced and that we will receive the rest of the money that is needed. As well as we try to plan, there are always things that change, and the financial surprises only multiply when one moves to a different country with issues of governments, shipping companies, lawyers, customs officials, etc.

We praise the Lord that our Spanish is progressing well! Last Sunday, I preached again at our church. Hannah has recently started teaching and helping in a 6-9 year old Sunday School class. After even the first lesson she taught, it was exciting to see how well the children remembered both the lesson and the memory verse. Being able to help in this class has been a real joy to her after having to leave her Sunday school class in the states.

We have been praying for the salvation of our landlord, Raul, and his wife, Marie, as well as our friend, Janet. Last Sunday, when I preached, they all attended the service. We can see the Lord working in their hearts. Please continue to pray with us for their salvation.

We thank you all for your prayers and support. They mean a great deal to us.

In His Service,

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