

Pastor's Corner

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Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,

Wow it is good to be home! I want to thank everyone who stepped in and helped make our mission trip a success. If I were to begin to name names I would miss someone. Our trip was great and God made it successful. We already have plans for next year. Who knows? Maybe we can put together a team from Ebenezer to go down .

You know when we arrived in Miami we were required to go through customs. As I handed the agent my passport, he checked it, asked about my trip, and then looked up and said, "Welcome home." I cannot tell you what a wonderful feeling came over me when he said that. I love Costa Rica; the country is beautiful, the people are loving and caring, and they treat us as if we were royalty. Still, I am only a foreigner in a foreign land and when I land back in this country, it feels like home.

As I was reflecting on that, I think of how wonderful it will be when my Jesus I shall see. When that time comes as I cross over from this world to the next, I can see Jesus standing there waiting with open arms to welcome me home.

Yes, it is good to be back home, though this too is a foreign land to the Christian. Our home awaits us, and someday soon we will go to that place that Jesus promises to us—where there is no more sorrow, no more tears, no more pain, or suffering. We will not have to worry about whether or not the rent is paid, because Jesus paid it all and all to him I owe.

I am excited about the days ahead. We have a great challenge and a great opportunity to share the love of Christ with those around us. I invite you to take someone by the hand, give them a hug, pray for them and share the love that Christ has shared with you.

God bless and keep you,

Rev. Eric Lane