

Pastor's Corner

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Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

First, let me say that it is good to be home. I enjoy the mission field and I am thankful that I can help out and hopefully share the love of Christ with people in other parts of the world, but it is good to return home. I feel that it is vital and important for us to reach out, to go out, and to help those in need in other countries. We have much to be thankful for and much wealth to share with others. There are not many of us, if any, that have to go an entire year wearing the same shoes, or wearing clothes that someone gave to you. Most of us have three meals a day (even though we do not need them), have a closet full of clothes, and even a couple of dollars in our pocket.

That is not so in the community where we worked in Costa Rica. Yet, what they did not lack is love, which they shared with us. They did not lack smiles to greet us. And the children, while poor, seemed very happy. Life was simpler and the pace was not as fast as it is here.

They seem to have things in the proper sequence—God, family, and life. Happiness was not in the size of their home, or the number of cars they owned, or how big their bank account was. No, happiness was found in the sunshine in the sky, the toucan birds in the trees, the clouds floating over the volcano, and the children's faces.

God has blessed us as a country so that we can share with others. In the Scripture, as recorded in Luke 3:11, John cries out to the people and says; "The man with two tunics should share with him who has none, and the one who has food should do the same." Instead of building castles in the sand, we should be building the kingdom on solid rock.

It is time for us to put God first in our lives—ahead of everyone and everything—as in the words of that great hymn, "I surrender all." When we realize that and live our lives accordingly, then we will find the peace and happiness that God intends for us to have.

God Bless!

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