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Dear Friends,

Thank you again for all your support, prayers and love that is ongoing. This update will cover April and May and is in the form of us both sharing unique experiences in our ministries. We are united as a couple in ministry, with the same goals and sometimes different focus.

These first almost five months of marriage have been very exciting and of course rewarding. The gift of working together in ministry is precious. We thank God daily for each other and the opportunity to share our passion and experience in Latin America.

Global Outreach Group

Please pray for the Global Outreach Group team and our Director Dan DeGroat. He will be traveling extensively the next few months, and will be attending the Christian Camping Global board meeting in the country of Latvia.

Global Outreach Group is also involved in developing Christian Camping in India, among other countries such as Russia, Sri Lanka, Latin America and South Africa. There are a variety of initiatives on the table related to working with and training young camping leaders in India.

CCI Latin America - Adam

This month (April) we are beginning the first phase of a project that we have dreamed about for the last few years, creating a Resource Center for camping leaders in Latin America. You may recall that our Camping Association is the largest geographically of the associations in the world, including Mexico, Central America and South America. As an organization, we focus on two primary goals:

- 1.) Fulfilling the great commission through the medium of Christian Camping
- 2.) Training and supporting the next generation of leaders through Christian Camping

This project involved the compilation of almost 50 years of resources, ranging from magazine publications, to workshops, to translated books. CCI Latin America is an organization built on relationships and face-to-face interactions, due to cultural norms. However, as the largest association in the world, it is often very difficult to be able to have 13 country leaders meet together regularly. With this in mind, it is becoming increasingly more important to have means of communication and access to resources digitally, using existing technology.

We will be creating a resource center for Christian Camping leaders in Latin America. Of course our personal, face-to-face events will continue where possible! This resource center will be support our events and feed and train our leaders around region.

I am in charge of this project and it will involve many hours, days and weeks of translating, organizing and presenting years or resources. We have finished Phase #1 with the assistance and donations of the Christian Camping Northwest in the U.S.. This first phase is the structure for how we will present and organize all the information, including: Website, Digital Resource Center, Encrypted User access and more!



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Exchange Programs - 2013

This year will be the fourth year with our International Exchange programs. We are sending five young leaders to the United States from the countries of Panama and Costa Rica. They will be working in three camps and receiving training May - September. The participating U.S. camps this year are Twin Rocks Camp, Rockaway, Oregon - Cannon Beach Conference Center, Cannon Beach, Oregon - Camp Tapawingo, Portland, Oregon.

Please pray for our exchange participants: Giancarlo Montenegro, Dayra Valverde, Esteban Mora, Masai Gonzalez, Roy Araya and Antonio Briceno. These programs are life changing and growth provoking in the strongest possible way!

Andrea - Decima Potencia (Tenth Potential) Ministry Update

This year Decima Potencia began it's operations with force, networking and creating alliances to fulfill the desire to "Highlight the value of Adolescents".

One of the partnerships we have established is with Camp Roblealto, with whom we are conducting a study of feasibility to start promoting a Teen Camp called "DECISIONS: Stop, Think, Act". It aims to promote the development of skills to face life and prudent decision-making, in addition to promoting values, where we always have the opportunity to plant a seed of the God's word.

In the same way, we are working in partnership with the Saving Lives Foundation (Fundacion Rescatando Vidas) which promotes training for students, parents and teachers in various subjects. They promote activities to prevent suicide and self-destructive behavior and together we develop programs and activities in schools to prevent these high-risk behaviors and motivate them in their lives.

Decima Potencia continues to be a resource for other nonprofit organizations such as Casa Luz; a temporary home to teenage mothers with their children, where we have developed plans together for the restoration and strengthening of their lives.

On the other hand, we have opened doors to create spaces and opportunities for teenagers and young people, so that they can have the chance to be guided and encouraged, develop their potential as individuals and focus on personal development issues.

In each of these alliances and possible activities, God is giving us the opportunity to approach more teenagers and bring hope through the guidance of His Word, which fills us with joy, courage and strength to move forward. Pray that God continues to open roads where there are not and to reach the hearts of these kids who need hope and the lord!

Prayer Requests

We ask for you your prayer and support for the following items here in in Costa Rica and back home:

The Costa Rican neighborhood of Guarari and the ministry Cedcas: For the last 1.5 years, Camp Roblealto has been partnering with a handful of ministry organizations in Costa Rica for the Hope Project initiative. We work with generous sponsors to provide a camp experience to kids living in the worst social conditions in the country.



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Most suffer from abuse (sexual, physical, emotional), live in atrocious conditions, without running water and basic sanitary services, malnutrition, and drug dealing around them. The organization Cedcas works every day in the community, providing education, health care, and a refuge through their programs. Through our partnership with Cedcas and their leader Hugo Salas, we provide the Hope Project camps and give the kids opportunity to be away from their environment and hear a message of hope.

Two weeks ago, after many years in the community, a drug dealer and gang began threatening Hugo Salas, his team and the kids that participate. This group wants them to leave the community and has attacked them, threatened physical harm, fire and even death. We are dealing with this very real evil right now together and providing support as we can. Please pray that God will have his hand on this community and our organizations!

Personal Requests

- 1.) A few weeks ago, we had a car accident. Thankfully, there was no serious injury, but we are dealing with a difficult financial situation related to the accident and subsequent repairs to vehicles.
- 2.) Travel to Oregon on July 15th for our exchange programs and connecting with supporters and friends.
- 3.) For God's hand of wisdom and peace on our new marriage and the balance of ministry, relationship and sometimes stress of living in a foreign country and sharing ministry.

Your support, love and prayers sustain us and the ministries. We believe that God has called us here to fulfill the great commission, bring hope and continue training the next generation of leaders, through the medium of Christian Camping and Adolescent Ministries.

With Much Love,

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