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*Wow! What a 2 months this has been!
Thank you to all of you who have prayed and helped us to do
the Lord's will in training pastors in Costa Rica.*

PRAISING THE LORD FOR HIS GRACE!

We have just returned from Costa Rica where we held the first module of 2008 which is our "Practical Module". Normally we do not allow the students to ask questions



during the teaching time, only during the break time, because of the amount of material we have to cover. During the practical module we sit down at the table with them to teach and encourage them to ask questions and participate in discussion. I was amazed at their questions - much different than the students in the United States. We covered such subjects as (1) baptism, (2) the Lord's Supper, (3) divorce, (4) the role of deacons, (5) how to deal with "difficult" people, (6) tithes and offerings (giving in general), (7) the gifts of the Holy Spirit, (8) spiritual wisdom (specifically Proverbs chapter 2), (9) church discipline, and much more. It was a great 3 days and much was learned.

One of the students stopped me and said, "what we have heard from you is not what we have been taught in the past, and we do not know which is right". I told him, "do not compare what you have learned from me today



with what another teacher has taught you, but compare both of us with the Bible". It is amazing to me how little doctrine they know and the amount of false doctrine they have been taught by well meaning people. Some of their problems as pastors were confidential and we dealt with them on a "one on one" basis.

One pastor received a telephone call that a pastor friend had "fallen" and we stopped in the middle of the class and had a prayer meeting. When I had to make a trip to the Bank during the middle of the morning I returned to find that the whole class went to pray for, and witness to, a sick man in the community. In Costa Rica you are not much of a preacher unless you can preach for an hour and a half. So we





started a new morning devotional time in which they are limited to 10 minutes. They are learning to pack 30 minutes of preaching into 10 minutes. It does wonders for their content and teaches them to study. The meals were excellent with sisters Sarah and Gloria doing a wonderful job of cooking. What a great



week we had!

The next week we had the privilege of attend the Bible Conference at Lighthouse Children's Home in Tres Rios, Costa Rica. This was a blessing to all the native pastors attending from churches all over Costa Rica.

Bro. Larry Neff seeks to make it a blessing for those pastors and we had four of our students from the Bible Institute in attendance. I had the blessing of preaching to the English-speaking people on Sunday evening, and then Joy and I had the opportunity for physical exercise in getting ready for the conference and helping clean up afterward.



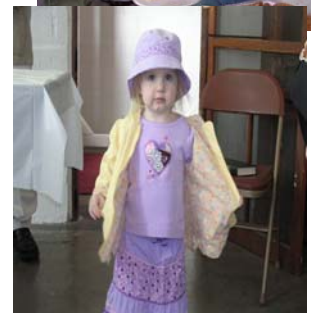
The spiritual atmosphere during the conference was a "hallelujah" and "praise the Lord" time. The students said they had full stomachs and full hearts because of the preaching and fellowship. Please understand that most of these native preachers do not have fellowship with their fellow pastors because of the isolation of their villages. We also had pastors from Panama (Cuna Indians), and it was wonderful just being around these men. They pastor churches on islands off the coast of Panama, Costa Rica, and Nicaragua.

Thanks to those who give to enable us to be a part of this wonderful blessing to our students and other native pastors.



We will be interim pastoring the Cummingsville Baptist Church in Spencer, Tennessee until the end of March and then we go back on the road. In many ways we have the opportunity to introduce good Baptist fundamental Bible doctrine to the church. The church had their **first annual homecoming** on Sunday, March 2 and the Lord allowed me to preach on God's plan for giving - tithes and offerings, and then we celebrated the Lord's Supper during the evening service. Please pray for this church as they seek a pastor.

Baptist Church in



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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- 1. Our finances. After deputation for 1 year we have only reached 30% of our financial need. We are also in the process of establishing Bible Institutes while on deputation, which deters us from using that time to raise support. Please pray that God will provide.**
- 2. Souls to be saved as we present the Gospel and the ministry in God's Baptist Churches.**
- 3. Churches to under gird us with Daily Prayer and monthly finances**
- 4. For our students - to be "holy & faithful" students and witnesses for the Lord.**
- 5. For the Lord to "fill out our calendar" as we seek to set up places to present the ministry for next year.**

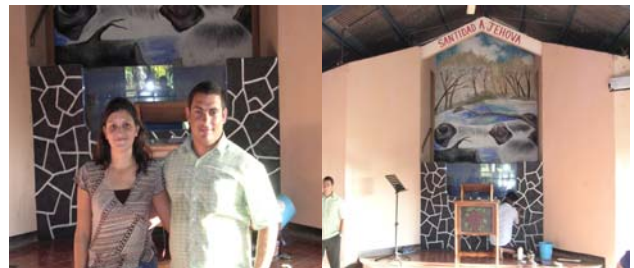
LIVING BY FAITH:

We had the **joy** and **honor** of preaching, visiting, or presenting the ministry in the following churches and places in January/February:



Southside Baptist Church, Wheeler Grove Baptist Church,
Mississippi;
Cummingsville Baptist
Church, **Tennessee**:

Gatewood Baptist Church, **Texas**;
Collins Blvd. Baptist Church, **Louisiana**;
Iglesia Biblica Bautista (Tres Rios),
Iglesia Biblica Bautista (Calle Blancos), Lighthouse Children's Home (Tres
Rios), 1st Missionary Baptist Church, ViaReal, **Costa Rica**





Surely these are not pictures of the same student! Even our Costa Rican students like to have some fun with the toy from the Burger King kids meal.



Someone has well said that:

"If you love God and lost people, you will naturally love missions, for missions is the heart love of God for a lost world"

We are scheduled to preach, visit, or present the ministry in the following churches and places in January/February:

March 1-30 - Cummingsville Baptist Church, Tennessee

March 9 - Northside Baptist Church, Mississippi

March 9 - Glenfield Baptist Church, Mississippi

March 9-13 - Camp Zion, Mississippi

March 24-25 - Harmony Baptist Church, Mississippi

April 9 - New Life Baptist Church, North Carolina

April 10 - Bible Baptist Church, North Carolina

April 24 - Fundamental Baptist Church, Texas

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