

Greetings to Everyone in this season of Thanksgiving. It has been quite awhile since our last newsletter and we give God praise in all things; most important having my computer fixed and being able to communicate, thanks to my cousin, Ben. After returning from my stateside furlough I was reminded to give thanks for running water and electricity when there was none. So often we overlook the little things and take them for granted a smile, kind word, hug, respect, courtesy just to name a few. I remember Brother Robert an elderly man who various times would get up in front of our church and hold up both hands putting up one finger at a time saying  
“G-I-V-E T-H-A-N-K-S.”

My greatest desire is to create the vision of Hearts and Hands for Jesus (**Breaking Chains by Bringing Love, Hope, and Life through Jesus Christ**) in the Hearts and Hands of the people I serve here and around the world. I am humbled and give thanks as I see the fruits of my labor in the younger generation. They are excited in serving the Lord and hunger for a deeper relationship with God and greater understanding of the Word. They demonstrated this as they were part of a youth and young adult retreat in BriBri, an Indigenous region in Talamanca along our southern border.



In August our youth participated in worship through Liturgical dance in the McDougall International Ecumenical conference in Limon. They are also stepping up and taking leadership roles in our church.



Both Crosby and I are grateful I was able to have a furlough in September and October. It was a joy reconnecting with those whose Hearts and Hands have been a vital part of our ministry through Friends of Limon, Shiloh UCC, Covenant Life Missions International Christian Church, Iglesia Cristiana Pacto de Vida, Zwingli UCC and the board of Hearts and Hands for Jesus International.

We rejoice and thank God for new connections with Hanover Four Square Church, Pine Grove United Methodist Church, and Zion UCC Pottstown. Our mission is growing and we need all the Hearts and Hands possible to fulfill the calling God has given us.



I thank God for giving me the privilege to carry the Good News and testify of the great things He is doing in our ministry and mission. We praise God's Holy name for the message of Life, Hope, and Love through Jesus Christ. I thank God for connecting with family, CREW members, childhood neighbors, school classmates, and dear friends.



I am so grateful for the opportunity to make many new friends with Women of Faith Bible Study, Shiloh Home Ec. Group, and The Arbors Community.



I Give God thanks that through your Hearts and Hands we were able to help 55 families in need through our Food Bank 55 and that our educational support outreach assisted over 100 children, youth, young adults, and single mothers. This year has been a particularly challenging year since there has been a national strike in Costa Rica since September. Our currency has lost value rapidly and prices have risen. This makes it even more difficult for the poor that we serve. The students have not been in school since September and only completed 2 semesters with the school year ending this month. The seniors have been challenged taking the required government exams without review and preparations. That being said, we still will be celebrating graduations in December with those who have passed. A special Thank You to all that donated to the graduation packets.



This year is coming to an end and we are giving THANKS to you for being Jesus' Hearts and Hands helping in our ministry. We know, without a doubt, that only through Jesus are all things possible to those who Believe and Trust in Him.

With Grateful Hearts,

Crosby and Pastor Sally Johnson

**We continue to seek your prayers for:**  
- God's guidance, healing, and wisdom

- creativity and patience in working with our students and families
  - financial support to meet 2019 educational and food needs in the community, and for needed repairs at the church and mission house (especially windows).
  - health and safety for Crosby and I
  - the health, safety and increased understanding of what it means to follow Jesus for all we serve through our mission
- \*\*Urgent need of a new van. The van is a tool of our ministry and without it we cannot fulfill all our responsibilities and outreach needs. Please help us to be able to purchase a newer van.**



**Mission support can be sent through:**

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Attach letter to donation saying "Crosby and Sally Johnson missions" if not general support, list outreach ex. Van fund, education fund, etc.

**Hearts and Hands for Jesus International**

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