

Greetings to everyone from Limon! First, I want to say that we are safe and sound after Tropical Storm Nate passed over Costa Rica. Other parts of the country were hit hard with torrential rains and winds that caused mud slides and flooding causing lots of destruction and even loss of life. The country is still in recovery stage but it amazes me how everyone pulls together to help one another. We are a small country, but we are strong. As they say, "Viva Costa Rica!"

Costa Rica does not celebrate a national Holiday of Thanksgiving, but many celebrate Harvest this time of year. I believe that is because of the beginning of the coffee harvest season which was our number one export at one time. Actually, in Limon we harvest something all year round. This supports our outreach ministry of the food bank of typical foods and basic needs.

We have this ministry because many families in our church and community have needs. Rosa, a single mother with 8 children is a family we often help. She has no education and with many under the age of 12 has to stay home to care for them as the older children are in our education program attending school. Her eldest daughter, who is 15, was sexually abused and now she has a baby to feed as well. Her oldest son works any manual job he can find, but does not always have work and funds are not sufficient to support the family. She has been faithfully attending the church for over a year and is no longer doing illegal activities to support the family. Each week she is so thankful for any provision we provide. So when we harvest weekly we give God thanks for what He has provided and the support to our Food Bank Outreach.



The school year will be ending the beginning of December. We have 10 children and youth who will be graduating from Kindergarten, Sixth Grade, Ninth Grade and High School. This is because many of you have been supporting our Education Outreach ministry. This is making a Big difference in their families building self esteem, hope and brighter future for all. Keylin and Deylin are from a very large family. Their older sister graduated from sixth grade last year and they are working hard to follow in her footsteps. Each student has to continually report to me their progress so that help with tutors, materials, bus passes, uniforms etc. can be provided. Thank you to all who donated to cover end of year fees, exams and graduation packets.



We are continually thankful for new people God brings into our lives.

I call them God connections because only He could do it. Recently God brought two very beautiful women into our lives even if it was only for a moment. First he brought Chantal Huisman, an eye doctor from Holland. She donated reading glasses with high power and sun glasses for those with sensitive eyes. This added to the outreach we did with CREW X and Dr. Peters. God also brought across our path Ann McCormick who is donating books to our church library, household items, and clothing. We are so grateful for these women and their gifts and pray that God will bless them in a special way.



We were so excited to have Brion Paul, Amanda, and Kira Peterson visiting with us the end of September. Brion Paul's parents were our former Pastors. He and his family worshiped with us and he brought an encouraging word to the congregation. It was such a joy to see how God is moving in his life and his family. Just two weeks later Pastor Marti Peterson came as she is finishing her mission trip to Nicaragua and Costa Rica. Pastor Marti spoke to our youth about vision and purpose and a message on God's love. God continues to speak this message to us at Harvest Tabernacle giving us a deeper understanding and revelation.



The van is an important part of our ministry. Recently we bought four new tires in Panama as they were much cheaper there. This was a new experience for us as Crosby had to cross the river with them. I bet many of you never had to do that! Such is the experiences of life as a missionary.



The van is a 2004 and our poor road conditions, climate and demanding use has taken a toll on it. Our insurance cost went up when it was over 10 years old instead of going down and we are beginning to have trouble finding replacements parts.

For example the slide outside door handle broke when the CREW X was here in July. There is no replacement in the country and we have ordered it, but do not know when it will arrive. We have inspection in October and it will not pass without the new handle. Help to pray that this part will come and also as we check out other possible alternatives. We will not be able to drive the van if it does not pass inspection which would freeze all our weekly ministries and outreaches. We thank everyone who has donated to help us to reach our goal, and hope we have good news by Christmas that we can purchase a newer van.

So as we reflect about Thanksgiving we realize how much we have to be thankful for; our friends and family, answered prayers, health and strength. But most of all the Amazing Love of God our Father.

*Happy Thanksgiving,*

Crosby and Sally Johnson

**Prayer Requests and needs:**

**Health and Strength**

Health Fair Nov. 18-19

Youth and Young adults at Harvest Tabernacle

Education fund- **graduation packets**, bus passes, end of year fees

Food Bank

Monthly support: Increase of partners joining our mission

Replace 1 wooden and two metal Window and Frames

Urgent need of newer van

**Support can be sent to Crosby and Sally Johnson:**

Shiloh United Church of Christ

2251 Willow Rd.

York, Pa. 17408

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

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or make check out to Hearts and Hands for Jesus and send to our treasurer:

Dr. Greg Peters

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