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Greetings from Limon,

This year we were fortunate to receive suitcases of clothing which were donated when the team visited in January. Some students I taught before going into the work of the mission have also recently reached out to us with donations of clothing, toys, books, and furniture. What a blessing to be able to provide these gifts to others with need in the community.

A bed went to BriBri for a young student that is staying with our missionary friends living there. During the week she lives with them so she can attend school. She has to cross 2 rivers to go from her home to school. It is too dangerous for her to cross the rivers to return home at nights when it is dark. What a blessing to have this donation for this young student.



All of the clothing has already been passed out in the community. Several of the girls at church love showing off their new dresses on Sunday. One mother said the infant clothing she received for her newborn son was an answer of prayer. The suitcases have also been passed on to families for storage of their clothing as many do not have dressers.



We have been so blessed by these donations and are happy our mission continues to follow Christ's teaching to meet the needs of "the least of these"! In our world today we rarely see people walking around naked, but we do see people that have ragged, dirty clothing or clothing that does not properly protect them from the weather. When Christ tells us to cloth the naked, he was talking about people that are facing hard times. He was talking about not just providing clothing but to show dignity and respect for the recipient, allowing the person to understand God's mercy and goodness. By clothing those with need we welcome them into community and remind them that God loves them and will provide.

We praise God for your support and gifts that allow us to share God's love with the community we serve. **Matthew 25:35-36** "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was in prison and you came and visited me." **40** "The King will reply, I tell you the truth, when you did for the least of my brothers of mine, you did for me."

Your Hearts and Hands in Costa Rica,

Crosby and Sally Johnson

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Safety and physical wellbeing for us, those we serve, family, and friends
- God's favor through Monthly financial support and prayer to meet the needs of our mission
- Prayers for students' success and educational needs books, uniforms, bus passes
- Funds to purchase a truck to fulfill the needs of the mission and ministry (the engine went out in van no refurbish engines of our type in country, we have not had a vehicle since November)
- For my passport renewal
- Hearing God's voice clearly and being led by the Spirit as we minister to our community