

Greetings to our Friends and Family around the world. Often, we do not see God working in our lives, the experiences, and choices that he places upon our hearts. Reflecting back on my life, I now see so many life events that impact me and the people I walk with in Limon.

As a child I was blessed to grow up in a small community. My friends, and especially my church family at Shiloh United Church of Christ have always been supportive and loving. Beautiful memories of Bible Schools, Sunday School classes, choir practices flood my mind. The church at Shiloh rallied around me, my Dad and sisters when I was 11 years old and my Mother had her final healing and returned to live with my Savior. These same brothers and sisters in Christ continued to support and encourage me. When I felt called to serve the Lord full time as a missionary, this same church joined in a covenant relationship with me. None of the works here would be possible without their support and love. The first mission work teams, CREW (Costa Rican Ecumenical Works), were from this same church. Each team visit brought new hope and excitement in my Limon community and all to the Glory of God.

My first trips to Costa Rica were with the United Methodist Church in Kentucky, VIM (Volunteers in Missions). It was during these trips I met Crosby and the rest was history. We married and I moved to Limon. I worked at private schools as a teacher. I loved the opportunity to shape young lives and minds.

The students in the private schools are not the students I walk with today. Most of these students were from families of wealth and status. My hope was to have them come to know God by my love and teachings.

Last year one of my previous students contacted me asking if I knew families that could use a bed and children's clothing. Since that time others have followed in bringing me clothing, games, shoes, and other items for the families I know that have need. Some of my students are now doctors, lawyers, judges, and government officials. These students have become valuable resources as I advocate for those without a voice or status in Limon Province.

Recently, one of my previous students contacted me about opportunities within the company where she works. We are excited to explore ways we can work together, "Break chains, Share God's Love, Change Lives", with training and possible job opportunities within her company. I look forward to sharing in the future how this new door that God has opened lifts lives in Limon.

Yes, God is listening to our cries for change! My prayer is for continued blessings for each one that shares their heart and hands with my mission for it is always and in all ways to the Glory of God.

Serving in Costa Rica,

Crosby and Sally Johnson