



The Blanz Family

Missionaries to **Costa Rica**

Dear Friends and Family,

March 2026

We hope that you are all doing well. It seems like this last month went by in a blur! We originally had 12 meetings scheduled in the states of SC, NC, VA, WV, MD, KY, OH, PA, and NY. Our meetings in SC were canceled due to Winter Storm Gianna. We finished the month arriving in New York City right after the blizzard from Winter Storm Hernando. I believe we have seen enough snow and ice for the next few years! While most of our travels were to give ministry updates in our supporting churches, we visited one new church in Pennsylvania. Apart from the normal services, we also preached in one Spanish service and taught in a high school chapel, a men's prayer breakfast, and a ladies luncheon. Our church in Costa Rica has continued to reach the surrounding area as well as send a group to help with evangelism training to another church that is going through a revitalization effort. I am told that between those that came from our church and those that attended, there were about 45 people present.

One good thing about furlough is that our family spends nearly all of our time together. We also get to do some pretty fun things together. While in Kentucky, we were able to visit the Ark Encounter as well as the Creation Museum. Now that the kids are a little older, I believe they were able to better appreciate it all. Later, in Ohio, we were able to do a little sledding on the snow and even ride a four-wheeler. When in Washington DC, we visited the White House and two of the Smithsonian museums. In Baltimore, Jeremy met up with a friend from Bible college. In most of the churches, we enjoyed getting to spend time with the pastors' families and others from the churches. Near the end of the month, we visited New York City right after the blizzard and it was a unique experience. We enjoyed some New York Pizza. Who said that being a missionary can't also be fun? After New York City, Michelle and the kids flew back to Jacksonville to pack their bags and they arrived back in Costa Rica on March 2nd to get the kids back in school. After that, Jeremy began his journey toward Northern Michigan for the next meetings. The next few weeks will go very quickly and Jeremy will return to Costa Rica near the end of the month.

As we visit our supporting churches, it reminds us how grateful we are for your hospitality, prayers, and support. We hope that we have also been able to be an encouragement and a blessing. This month, please pray:

- 1 – For Michelle over the next few weeks as she “holds the fort” at the house in Costa Rica.
- 2 – For Jeremy as he travels to visit the last churches on this furlough.
- 3 – For the Lord to provide some additional support so we may return fully funded.
- 4 – That God will provide the means for our church to have its own building in God's timing.

In Christ,

Jeremy, Michelle, Lila, Ellowyn, and Elijah Blanz

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