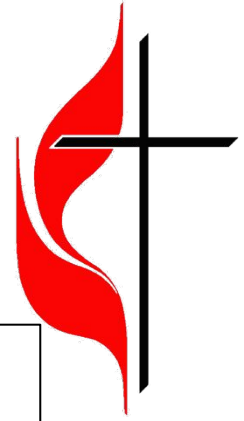


The Methodist Rural Center of Costa Rica



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Thank you for your prayers and support during this busy year. This closes the Volunteer in Mission Program until December. Our focus will be on the local churches and planning for the upcoming year.



A group from **Hope Hull United Methodist Church** in Alabama served at the La Fortuna Church, renovating and redecorating Sunday School spaces. The rooms were then blessed with hand-painted murals by some of the women! They also began the foundation for a “rancho,” or outdoor meeting area, located to the side of the church.

The second group to work at La Fortuna Church this summer was from **McElhattan United Methodist Church** in Pennsylvania. They picked up on Hope Hull’s project of finishing the “rancho”, completed tiling the sanctuary, built a shed next to the parsonage. They also hosted V.B.S. every day and several craft sessions for women.





This group of 23, from **Mount Airy Bible Church** in Maryland, stayed with us at the camp in late June. They worked to beautify and repair the Methodist Camp property and hosted three Vacation Bible Schools in three different communities. Some of the young men also began building a house for a local woman who is currently living in a tin shack full of leaks and without windows or a bathroom.

Charlie Munger, accompanied by 3 teammates, all from **First United Methodist Church** in Canyon, Texas, stopped by to visit us at the end of their mission trip in June. Following a nine-year volunteer effort working in the southern area, Tamarindo, they worked this year in Alajuela. They renovated and improved upon the Sunday School classrooms in the Methodist Church there in Alajuela.





The **Sanlando United Methodist Church**, from Longwood, Florida, had a group of 19 serving in the area of El Recreo. They helped to finish construction of the large sanctuary space by pouring cement to finish the floor and make sidewalks, securing the structure with bars in the windows and metal doors, assembling the bathrooms. They also hosted a Sunday Church Service and nightly Vacation Bible Schools.

The group of 9, from **First United Methodist Church** in Midland, Texas held a dental and medical clinic in the Church in El Recreo. They served 250 people in each clinic, some of who had never before received such medical attention. Also, they hosted daily activities for the children in the church.



WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE CAMP



Ever wonder what happens to your donations of clothes? Here, Rebecca and Peggy have loaded the car up to transport these donations to 4 churches in the North. The churches will sell the donations to raise funds for repairs, operations and special events.

This couple joyfully visited to receive their Upper Room books. This is a ministry that The Methodist Rural Center provides to many of the Methodist Churches in Costa Rica. This is a ministry that needs support your to continue. Please contact us by e-mail with an interest to give your support.



This is a housing project the group from Mount Airy Bible Church began, and employees of the camp have continued since their departure. There is one bedroom, bathroom, a kitchen and living room. This modest home will replace the tin shack a local couple, with their two small children, currently live in. It is projected to be finished in about 3 weeks.



The Ciudad Quesada District hosted a their annual youth conference at the camp. Over 80 youth attended this long weekend filled with games and devotionals in order to grow in their relationship with Christ. Our very own Rebecca, camp secretary, and Lauren, summer intern, hosted a workshop on abstinence and healthy relationships for the youth!

We recently welcomed Nancy Hancock Cullen to the camp. She has come from Wichita, Kansas to spend a week serving and getting to know the camp and it's history. In 1984 her father drove a donated truck "the mula" from Plainville, Kansas to the Methodist Center to be used by Marion.



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