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## Update from Herreras and Central America

Dear friends,

We are back online! After two months of leave following Mattías's birth, Adrianna is back to reading emails and thinking about partnerships, outcomes, learning opportunities, trip recruitment, and budgets. At the same time, Mattías keeps me company and makes sure I don't sit on my computer too long at once. Oliver delights in identifying "ABCs" (as he calls letters), launching him into a rousing chorus of the ABC song, and counting up to 15; things we are grateful that his daycare provider is teaching him. Raúl has been harvesting vegetables, boxing packages, and helping Adrianna's parents build a house. We are thankful for overall good health and wellbeing for each of us.

Although we have been away from the "tasks" of ministry, we have continued to pray and grow in our relationship with Christ and others. There are a lot of unanswered questions about our future, and we continue to move forward in faith. We have found a lawyer who will help us apply for expedited citizenship for Raúl on the basis that we need to be overseas for our Resonate work. In the meantime, we continue to serve remotely for Central America and look for ways to connect and serve in Sioux Falls. Our team has created a newsletter that we've attached to this email - Adrianna worked on these projects before maternity leave so it is great to see what happened while we were disconnected!

We are planning a long trip to Nicaragua in November and December, to see regional ministry partners face-to-face and also to spend time with Raúl's family, especially so they can meet and enjoy Mattías and Oliver. This will be the first time our family travels together outside of the US since we left Nicaragua in April 2024. Please pray for smooth border crossings as we figure out how to use Raúl's green card!

Raúl and I are helping facilitate some discussions on "Who is my neighbor and how do I love them?" focused specifically on migrants and immigrants. He shared his story last week, and we expect to meet with the same group twice more in October to explore more on the theme. Please pray for openness to God's leading, courage to be vulnerable, and love to be evident. Providentially, our Central America team has also finished working on a vision trip focused on migration that will take place Feb 28-Mar 15, 2025. You'll see more information and links in the attached newsletter. Migration in Central and North America has become something that we cannot ignore, and we are asking, "What does God want us to learn from people on the move? How is He calling us to engage?" These discussions and the trip are ways we are exploring that with others. Please reach out if this interests you!

There are actually three opportunities we are recruiting for right now. I've linked more information to each one, and they are in the attached newsletter:

1. [Learning from People on the Move](#) - 10 day vision trip in Central America and the US focused on migration, aimed at adults

2. [Where Faith Meets Adventure](#) - 15 day vision trip for high school and university students in Central America

3. [Cohort Central America](#) - 11 months of formation and being equipped in Central America for university and post-university young adults.

Lord willing, we will travel to Chicagoland for some meetings and to DeMotte Indiana for baptism at First CRC in DeMotte on October 27. Please pray for safe travels and fruitful encounters with others. We rejoice at being able to spend time in a place that feels like home for us, and the joy of baptizing our sons at the church that disciplined Adrianna for so many years.

Thank you so much for your prayers and support for our family and ministry. We received many congratulatory messages after Mattías's birth, and we appreciate them! Thank you for rejoicing with us as we rejoice, and helping to carry our sorrows too. We pray that God will lead you and provide for each of your needs.

Blessings,

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