



# The Melendez Family on Mission

*But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. Jeremiah 17.7 (NIV)*

## El Salvador



Thanks to God, we were blessed with the opportunity to take a vacation to El Salvador, our home country. We went in January, when the weather is pleasant, especially in the capital city, where the temperature ranged between 70°F and 80°F, with clear skies and refreshing breezes. However, the main reason to take our vacations in El Salvador is, because we also have family and friends to visit in various areas of the country. All of Mayra's relatives are there, except for a sister who lives in the U.S. I have uncles and aunts, nieces and nephews, and a sister who live in El Salvador. Besides visiting people, we went to a very pretty beach called Salinitas. We also visited the Moncagua hot springs and a coffee-growing region in the mountains called Apaneca. Fortunately, thanks to God, we were blessed with an enjoyable vacation.





Prayer Quilt



Ashley

In February, we gave a prayer quilt to Luis, a Church member who lost a loved one. These quilts have knots around them that symbolize the prayers offered by the congregation to support the recipient. This idea and the quilts themselves were brought to us by sisters from the Westside Church of Christ who visited us last summer.

Time is passing so quickly. Ashley is already twelve years old! Although she is entering puberty, we can see she still has an upstanding and generous heart, because she helps out a lot with our ministry. We pray to God that He continue to bless her in every sense, and that He make our daughter an useful servant of His Kingdom.



Welcoming New Members



Family Plans

Upon returning from our vacation, we met Samuel, Gladis, and their daughter, who are Salvadorans who decided to come to Costa Rica to live. They are believers who came to us by the will of God, as they live almost next door to the Church building. They have already begun to study the Word with us, and we hope to serve as guides while they follow the Path of God.

God willing, this year will mark our sixth year of ministry in Palmares. The original plan was to be here five years, but the disciples were not ready to continue on their own, so we decided to stay for two more years. If God so allows, we hope to finish our work here in June 2017. We appreciate the support we have received from God and from all of you so far.