

Mission Trip Costa Rica, March 23 - April 2

Have you been wanting to do something to help others?

Have you been praying for opportunities to further the work of the Gospel?

Our Mission Trip to Costa Rica may just be what the LORD has been placing on your heart. We are inviting YOU to follow God's desire that we be a light for Jesus.

PLACE: Casa Esperanza, Los Sueños Resort, CR

COST: \$1475 CAD* per person covers all Meals, Accommodation, and ground transportation**

Highlights: Tropical weather with incredible views of the Pacific Ocean with birds, monkeys, flora and fauna. Swimming at the pool and a taste of Paradise.

Here is a shortlist of what is being planned:

- Maintenance, construction, cleaning and painting locally
- Medical and dental clinics, Health Expos to serve the poor in Jaco.
- Bible Studies, Christian Programs for children and more will be held
- an official dedication service of Casa Esperanza as a Centre of Influence for God in Costa Rica with church officials
- Exciting testimonials and baptisms which will inspire us all

We can accommodate up to 24 people at Casa Esperanza so spots will fill up fast.

It will be the **BEST** decision you will have made in a long time and the LORD will richly bless your time and service in Costa Rica!

We look forward to hearing from you **SOON!**

God's Blessings,

Ted & Sandra Deer, and David Sloan for Mission NOW Canada

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*Payment is due in full by February 17, 2023.

- Fundraising goal is \$2500.
- We encourage all to fundraise - friends and family often love to support mission projects.
- Costs for your trip (excluding flight and transfers) will be processed through Mission NOW Canada with an official charitable tax receipt

****Flights costs, bookings and airport transfers are the participant responsibilities due to fluctuating costs, locations etc. These will not be included in the charitable receipting process.**

- A travel agent contact may be provided to help with the flight booking process or you may book on your own.
- transfer costs will depend on the size of groups traveling together.
- For an additional cost - those who wish to come earlier and/ or stay later, please let us know and we can assist you.
- **Plan Your Trip:** You may fly into San Jose (1.5hr drive time to CE), or into Liberia (3hr drive time)

***** Payment procedure:**

- please visit www.missionnowcanada.com/donation. Click on 'Join us in Costa Rica', to make payment by credit card.
- E-transfers can be sent to: Bill@L4LTV.com reference Costa Rica 2023

<https://lossuenos.com> - This is a website for the resort where Casa Esperanza is located.



Additional pictures and Casa Esperanza story attached below.

The Casa Esperanza Story

In the late 1990's, Herminio and Guilhermina Silva, a Canadian Portuguese couple from Ancaster, Ontario, Canada purchased a condo in Los Sueños, near Jaco, in Costa Rica. Los Suenos is respected far and wide in Costa Rica as one of the finest luxury residential communities in the country, if not in the world.

Guilhermina in the 1980's was introduced to the SDA church after 2 years of searching for the truth. Through a Signs of the Times magazine, she called the number on the magazine and spoke to a lady in Portuguese who directed her to the Hamilton Mountain SDA church where she later studied with Gloria Lawson, (a dear sister and renowned Bible worker and advocate for our SDA health message) and was baptized by pastor Juriansz. A few years later her two daughters followed and 25 years later her husband Herminio, joined the Hamilton Mountain church and was baptized by pastor Wesley Torres.

One morning in March 2003 their daughter Sandra, a dedicated SDA Christian, awoke from a vivid dream that her dad was building two houses on the left hand side of a winding road going up a mountain. Upon awaking, being somewhat moved by the unusual striking dream she called her parents to tell them the dream. Her father responded saying, "Sandra, how would you know that today I'm signing papers to buy the lot you've described ? And yes it could fit 2 houses? To which Sandra responded, wow, Amen! God, must be in it then! Three years later, a second dream followed indicating it was the time to build on that land.

Unsurprisingly, Herminio was very impressed by the unwavering faith and conviction of his daughter and the amazing dreams that she had. He knew that Sandra had been completely unaware of his purchase of the exact lot shown to her in her dream. He came to the decision to honour his daughter's faith by proceeding to find an architect to design and build not one but **two homes** on the property in keeping with what God had shown Sandra.

A few more miracles took place. Plans were laid and an architect and builder was found. Months later Sandra, during her prayer time with God was strongly impressed by God to tell her dad to sell his stocks before September 2008. When preaching an evangelistic series in England in September 2008 she was notified that the markets had crashed. Fortunately again her dad had walked by faith and the money was not lost as he had sold his stocks and thus was able to build the houses. Delays after delays took place which worried Sandra however, when they finally broke ground her dad told her that he had not been worried as God had given Him a dream with the date they would break ground, and a message from God confirming His leading.

When Casa Esperanza (The House of Hope), which I will refer to as "CE", was built on a mountain overlooking the Pacific Ocean in Los Suenos(interestingly enough in English means "dreams") neither the Silva's nor Sandra had any idea how the Lord was going to bring this dream into reality. The Silva's chose to use it solely as a place to honour God. Church retreats were held at the residence along with other church activities. Then in 2016 Herminio passed away and 5 years later Guilhermina went to her rest as well. Many years before her passing the property was transferred to Sandra. Since her death, being overwhelmed with everything, Sandra and her husband Ted took their concerns to the Lord in prayer, they asked God if

the purpose that was shown initially was somehow changed and perhaps they should sell it and dedicate the money to some other service for the Lord.

The answer they received from God was a resounding NO! The answer was clear that God had and continues to have a plan for Casa Esperanza.

In March 2023, CE is set to be dedicated as a Centre of Influence for the church, to fulfill the great commission where it can operate as a church, lifestyle centre, mission outreach, training centre etc. for Costa Rica. As a true answer to prayer, God reconnected us with David and Erika Sloan, who then reconnected us with our friends and colleagues in ministry, Bill and Fatima Santos with Mission Now Canada. We are most grateful to God for their support and His leading and we can't wait to see what God will do through each of you in this journey of faith and mission outreach. Thank you for your support in participating in God's mission in Costa Rica.



