



## **GIVING THANKS... AND BEARING THE BURDEN**

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### **So much for which to be THANKFUL!!**

A simple photographic taste to share some of the many things we are grateful for this Thanksgiving!

1. Grateful for good books! The *Comentario Bíblico Contemporáneo*, produced by over 100 women and men from across Latin America, edited by René Padilla (Ruth's father), managed by a superb team, and to be published jointly by Ediciones Kairós (Argentina) and Certeza Unida (the publishing house I direct) with the support of Langham Partnership, is at the printer after 11 years in the making!
2. Grateful for good teachers! Like my Dad, and Juan and Doris Stam, old family friends, whose lives are inspiring examples of dedication to God's work in God's world!



3. Grateful for good food! Provision for our needs and so much more! Like "Pincho", being fattened for our Christmas and Year-End celebrations with many neighbors and friends at [Casa Adobe](#)).

4. Grateful for passionate youth, for God's faithfulness through many student generations, and for the opportunity to prepare them for whole-life discipleship through [CETI Continental](#).

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## **And so much to mourn...**

Costa Rica is facing the biggest political crisis in decades as the government attempts to reign in luxury salaries and tax excess. Nicaraguan immigrants and Venezuelan refugees are streaming into the country. The top most violent cities in the world are all in Central America. Thousands are fleeing that violence and knocking desperately on the US door for asylum. There is so much pain around us!

So we mourn.

And we keep planting hope, through good books, through solid teaching, through modeling sustainable living, through nourishing new generations, through offering a home or helpful counsel to refugees.

## **And we look forward...**

We look forward to the day in which every tear will be wiped away and there will be no more pain or injustice. And meanwhile, we do look forward to more intermediate joys, like:

- welcoming many to our community table at the end of this year.
- visiting many of you in the Spring next year. [Please let us know when and how we can serve you [by clicking here](#)].
- contributing to the relocation of refugees here in Costa Rica. [Please consider giving an extra donation today to facilitate this ministry by [clicking here and selecting](#) "Projects - Latin America" and then "Costa Rica Casa Adobe"].

With gratitude, mourning and expectation,

*Jim and Ruth Padilla DeBorst*

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**MANY THANKS** to churches and friends  
who are faithfully and generously giving!  
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able to support our ministry?

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