



Twin Peaks

from the Padilla-DeBorsts
in Costa Rica

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Vulnerability - who would choose it?!

Health and life insurance. Home security systems. Firewalls and bank vaults. All are designed for protection. Far too many people, however, have no such safety nets to fall back on. As violence flares, waters rise, fires rage and deserts grow, millions of vulnerable children, women and men suffer displacement and death. No one willingly chooses vulnerability.

Oh, wait a moment! There was One who did! In a radical act of self-giving, God became a vulnerable baby susceptible to the precarious living conditions of a poor nation occupied by a foreign empire. Once that baby grew up, he challenged the cultural, political and religious structures and traditions which deprived people of the full life God intended for them. And he taught his followers to do the same.

As we step into a new Western calendar year, perhaps we need to allow the Spirit of Life to blow away our self-protective shields so that we may truly follow Jesus no matter the cost! Will we allow God to send us as Jesus was into the world, as living expressions of God's love in the midst of the life-threatening realities of our time?

FOCUS: CETI looking to the future



Our Community of Interdisciplinary Theological Studies (CETI for its acronym in Spanish) faces many exciting opportunities and challenging limitations as we look into 2020 and continue walking alongside young people across Latin America and they build bridges between God's Word and God's World in order to live out the good news of God's love in that world.

We are grateful for:

- Hundreds of students engaged in face-to-face study circles, and online open courses, diplomas, and Master's studies and seeking to live faithfully in light of their learning.
- A beautiful team of paid and volunteer staff giving their best to serve our students and facilitators.
- A diverse board of committed women and men who are stepping up to support the work on the ground.
- The support of agencies and foundations who recognize the value of our

ministry.

Thanks for walking with us in prayer, giving and learning!

We need your prayers as we:

- Keep in close contact with a student body stretched across Central America and South America and respond to opportunities as far away as Portugal.
- Grow in our will and capacity to work together in such a loving and affirming way that the gifts of each of our team members are put to their best use.
- Continue strengthening our board and building on their wise input.
- Manage to develop the financial base we need to continue serving.
- Concretize partnerships that will allow us to give the needed recognition or accreditation to our students for their work.



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...de aprender
...y sembrar una buena
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Docente:

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3-21 de febrero, 2020

Inscripción temprana: \$35 USD

As CETI we believe that one of the original callings of humanity is to care for creation. We have just completed a Master's course and will soon facilitate an Open Course online on "Just Conviviality," in order to foster awareness, commitment and concrete action regarding life together in this beautiful and broken planet on which God has placed us.

With gratitude,

Jim and Ruth Padilla DeBorst

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who are faithfully and generously giving!
We are still significantly underfunded.

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