



THE SUDDETH FAMILY MINISTRY UPDATE

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The First Service of Iglesia Bautista de Costa Verde

February 2, 2020, is a day we will always remember. It was one of those special days; one of those days you look forward to for so long, and then when it is here, you can hardly believe the day has arrived. As you know, we celebrated the first service of Iglesia Bautista de Costa Verde. We believe the day was a success, and God was glorified through it all.

Our local church is now made up of a core group of 13 people. It was special to watch each of these people take on different responsibilities. Everyone was involved in some way, whether it was greeting, teaching Sunday school, preparing coffee, counting the offering, taking care of all of the audiovisual components, or talking to visitors. More importantly, they prayed, and they invited people to attend.

We had 26 in attendance for Sunday school and 35 in attendance for the worship service. Several of those guests were friends and family who came from other churches to support us for the day. However, two families said they would be back. We also know of some lost people who attended and said they would be back.

We were greatly surprised when we learned that Tommy Goss and Jason Sneed came from our home church to support us and encourage us for the first service. That was a special blessing, and it was so good to see them.

Earlier in the morning of February 2, I (Clip) read from Psalm 138 in my morning devotions. Verses 1 and 2 read,

¹ I give You thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing Your praise;

² I bow down toward Your holy temple and give thanks to Your name for Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness, for You have exalted above all things Your name and Your word.

If God exalts His name and His word above all things, we should certainly do the same. Believe us, the simplicity of that reality took so much pressure off of us. The local church should exalt God, edify believers, and evangelize the lost. Simple enough. We do not have to make it complicated. Just like the old hymn says, trust and obey.

To the many of you who prayed and prayed - thank you! Please continue to pray for Iglesia Bautista de Costa Verde. Your prayers are invaluable and needed more than ever.

In Christ,
Clip, Mary, and Isaac
Isaiah 26:3-4

P.S. If you would like to see photos from the first service, please go to thesuddethfamily.com.