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Greetings from sunny Costa Rica! From the friendly people to the delicious food to the lack of snow, I can truly say that Costa Rica has stolen a big piece of my heart.

Throughout the month of February, I have continued to regularly attend church in Pavas, Costa Rica. I love helping out in Sunday School class and have also continued to attend music practices. I usually rotate between praise singing and playing piano. In addition, I was given the opportunity to preach during a Wednesday night service at Pavas.



Me doing an illustration during my sermon in Pavas

The theme for the youth group during the month of February was “friendship” and I was blessed with the opportunity to speak at one of our Saturday evening youth services. I enjoyed speaking, but each of the services this month have been special and I loved strengthening my relationships with this precious group of young people.



The Pavas youth group

While Pavas has remained my “home” church, I spent a bit of extra time with a church in the town of Desamparados over the course of this month. Rachel and I were invited to speak at their church at the beginning of the month. Since then we have attended a few youth gatherings and I have truly enjoyed getting to know them!



Rachel and I with the Desamparados youth group

During the month, I was able to be a part of the bi-annual Bible Institute day classes. Students from across the country gathered together to spend a week studying the Word of God. Attendance numbers were a bit smaller than had been anticipated, but the presence of God was still there. It was incredible to see relationships with God develop during the week, as well as the relationships between students, teachers, and everyone in attendance. One of the biggest reasons I love Bible school classes is because it is a wonderful opportunity to get to know people from across the county. I spent most of the week cleaning the bathrooms, helping in the kitchen, running errands, and helping out where necessary, but I will definitely remember my time spent with the students more than anything else!



Bible Institute day classes

I was also able to help out at a few other events, such as the National Prayer and Fasting Seminar and a Regional Leadership Seminar. During the Prayer and Fasting Seminar, Rachel and I were able to help serve food and drinks to the attendees. I thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to be a part of such powerful services and I loved getting to help out, even in such a small way.



The National Prayer and Fasting Seminar

Great things are happening across this country and I love that I get to be a small part of it. The majority of my time here is nothing glamorous, but somehow I find myself loving every moment of it. It is hard to believe that I am heading in to my final month as in AIMer here in Costa Rica; while I hope it goes by slowly, I am looking forward to seeing what it holds!

