Les and Jane Zerbe

Missionaries in Costa Rica zerbe.ak@gmail.com 907/322-8807

MAY 2024

Psalm 119:126 Ps 127:1

Dear friends,

 1^{st} the good news: Church here in CR was full last Sunday, extra chairs. A National Costa Rican preacher was preaching.

Thirty-thousand mangos are ripening on property. Mango pie and turnovers for dessert!!!

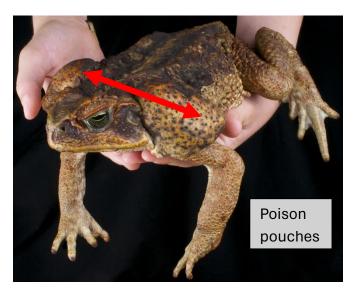
Rainy season has arrived, but I can't converse inside the house during the downpour on the tin roof.

Morning service only – heavy rain in the afternoon.

Had a 5.5 earthquake - zero damage.

All 130 pastors in Liberia have cell phones! And they have figured out how to use them for ministry. Pastors patch each other on cell phone for early morning prayer meetings. I preached at a conference in Africa using my cell phone on speaker to church PA system.

The Bad news Our neighbor's dog licked a poison toad and died.



The earthquake woke a scorpion nest under our bed and in our closet. One can pick up a scorpion by his tail just right and send him to scorpion purgatory via toilet flush!

I mixed up some deadly bug spray that lasts four months. Don't tell EPA!





Biden's inflation is bad here in Cosa Rica. Many businesses are closing. Rice and beans, and plantain for breakfast. Beans and rice for lunch, rice and beans for supper.

Eat the chickens that no longer produce eggs anymore.

Gasoline is \$4.35 a gallon.

Theft – need to replace two chainsaws, a Stihl blower, and a weed eater which were stolen after thief broke into the storage room.

Many desperate Nicaraguan refugees travel close to our house on the way to the US.

<u>More good news</u>: The scorpions are staying under the bed at night (box springs under the bed may be good for something!)

Many thanks for helping Pastor John Flumo and his effective ministry in predominantly Muslim Sierra Leone, Africa. When I messaged him of your donations to his ministry, he sent me a photo of the offering basket for the day, saying, "This money cannot reach \$5.00 USD. The country is very poor. No work or employment at all." They have a temporary woven



bamboo church structure, a road to the church, a hand dug well, an out house started, termite hill bricks started for the church walls, but no student protestors. They baptize in a mud hole and don't text during the service! They go out with tracts to witness. Pastor Flumo's wife has been teaching more than 50 Scripture songs in several churches in Liberia and Sierra Leone.

Our website has several mini videos from Pastor Flumo of the progress of his church. www.farnorthlyingchaplain.com



Señor Sam Sez:
"Want to be a prince?
Kiss neither a frog nor a toad!"

Courage – the most important of the virtues, because without it no other virtue can be practiced consistently. We can't be kind, true, merciful, generous. Or honest. Resolve to be courageous. Most people go their whole lives without one minute of true resolution! Use your gift for good no matter how hard it gets. "Lord, you know what I need."

Sincerely together for His kingdom,

Les and Jane Zerbe

To donate, write check to CMC and attach a note "for Ministry of Les Zerbe." For Pastor John Flumo direct your note "Les Zerbe/John Flumo"

CENTRAL MISSIONARY CLEARINGHOUSE, P.O. Box 219228 - Houston, Texas 77218-9228 1-800-CMC-PRAY Sending Church: Lavon Drive Baptist Church, 1520 Lavon Drive, Garland, TX 75040