

January to June 2024.

# Work report.

We are Team.

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## Introduction

2024 is marked by experiences and important things for me in particular. I thank God for life, family, and above all, his care and love expressed through my brothers and sisters in Christ, who have walked with me until today.

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## **A great year start:**

At the beginning of the year 2024, we had the fast of offering to God all our labors. Usually, it is the first 21 days of January.

However, this year we started on January 8, and for those who participated, it was a time of great blessing.

In the midst of this fast was the CIMA camp of the MOVIDA (Moving Lives) organization, an entity focused on mobilizing young people for the Great Commission. God allowed me to participate among the volunteers, for which we thank Him. Also this month we had the annual assembly of the Costa Rican Missionary Cooperation (COMIBAM Costa Rica), which brings together all the Costa Rican actors in mission, or at least those who have wanted to join (sending agencies, receiving agencies, mobilizers, churches, pastors, and leaders interested in the mission of God).

On the other hand, the collection of money and food to take in February to the children's canteens in Colorado de Abangares in Guanacaste has begun. For the month of February, we were able to visit these children's soup kitchens directed by Brother Óscar Gómez, from Colorado de Abangares, with the team of chaplains Gloria Elena García (our colleague) and Juan José Núñez (a member of the men's team who is in charge of the children's soup kitchens). (Member of the team of men who support this ministry).

At the end of February, we participated in the training on drug prevention by the Drug Free World Foundation to be developed in communities, churches, or other entities where this information can be used. The development of this activity is still pending. Also in February, COMIBAM Costa Rica participated in the Annual Assembly of the Costa Rican Evangelical Alliance Federation (FAEC), representing COMIBAM Costa Rica. The participation of the new ambassador of Israel and her report on the events in Gaza was very impressive for all of us who were there.

For the month of March, we gave an important spiritual struggle in the time of Ramadan. God blessed us with a group of more than 30 people, praying and fasting for the Muslims of the world. We thank God for the news that was generated after this time of subjugation. The persecuted church has risen up to preach more openly. We thank God for the Muslims who have converted to Christ in these months after Ramadan.

At the end of March, we had the dates of Holy Week. During this period, we went to Camp FEDEMEC Sarapiquí. In this activity, we saw God's hand. The Lord Jesus Christ called a young

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woman to missions in China, and several young men received the call to serve the Lord in their local churches here in the country.

After the time of Ramadan, which ended on April 9, I got sick with my bronchial tubes, so I could not go to two important activities. The congress of the International Leadership Institute (I.L.I.) in Honduras and the Kairos course in Chiroles, Talamanca, Costa Rica.

The COMBAM Costa Rica Area Retreat took place at the end of April. God gives us the privilege of directing one of this entity's strategic areas at the national level.

In May, we began a special work that God entrusted to us in the territory of El Llano, Alajuela Centro. For some time, the Lord gave me a vision about this place and its spiritual condition. However, God does not send us to do such a work in isolation. Therefore, we were praying for people that God would add to the team and thus do the work in question. Several people were asked to participate in this project, including pastors and Christian leaders in the area, in order to take advantage of the church structures that already existed. However, no one responded; there was no willingness to do the work of standing in the gap for this community until, in God's time, the Lord raised the brothers Juan Jose Nunez and his wife Gloria Garcia to work in the area with God's direction.

Another important aspect in this month was the directive of an action plan for the ministry that is being raised in Sarapiquí because of all the work done by the brothers of FEDEMEC Sarapiquí. The pastors involved are offering lodging and transportation for the development of the plan. We are only waiting for the specific time that the Lord marked to start with this work.

For the month of June, as you know, my health was broken; however, the work in the different ministry teams continued to develop as the team of brothers continued with the process that we had marked.

It is important to emphasize, as we have said in other moments, that together with the main activities, many other tasks are developed that, although they are part of the ministry, it is difficult to count them.

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Some examples of these are:

- Meetings with different teams.
- Pastoral counseling to missionaries in foreign fields and in Costa Rica whom God has allowed us to help by his mercy.
- COMIBAM board meetings and work areas.
- Office work.
- Work coordination with teams inside and outside the country, especially for the positions at the Panama level with Simply Mobilizing Ministry. I agree that this team disintegrated, so the work has become a little more complicated due to its complexity.
- Support to different ministries, such as "A church in service," promoted by the ESEPA Summary.
- Support to women's ministries, among them: the Women's Network of the Evangelical Alliance of C.R. We contributed to the Women's Ministry "Guardianas del Muro" of the Legacy Church of Costa Rica and the Women's Ministry of COMIBAM Costa Rica, "Women in Mission," etc.
- Education activities. This year, 4 people received training to become chaplains. With this training, we achieved the status of chaplain instructor before the United Chaplain International, New York. Also, God, in his mercy, allowed us to start the first level of the INSTE Bible Seminar in the Guaymi indigenous zone, promoted by Pastor Lucy Araya and with the direct participation of the facilitator, Olguita Araya, both of our partners in this team.

I can only give thanks to God and to each person who prays for this ministry. We are a team, and it is important that we continue to strengthen ourselves in the Lord and the power of His strength through prayer for one another.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you.

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Prayer requests:

1. Due to time and space issues, I cannot tell you everything that happened in June of the present. However, by order of the Lord, I cannot return to one of the homes where I had the most paid work. God has been faithful to support me in this month and a half of unemployment; however, I must assume some commitments to pay. I ask for your prayers for the finances of the ministry. Thanking God for His faithfulness to me and His ministry to me.
2. Health. Thanks be to God that my health is much better. Occasionally I have pains in my leg affected by the erysipelas, but I believe it is part of the healing process. Let us just thank God for the total restoration of my health so that His name may be glorified in this in my life.
3. Panama, it is impossible to postpone my move to Panama City in the months of September or October of this year. I still do not have a place to stay, and I do not want to go alone, so I ask your prayers for me, sister Gloria, and brother Juan, so that the Lord allows us to travel together and, if possible, that other brothers also accompany us. The stay would be scheduled for no less than 15 days. Where we need to hold meetings in different places and at different times to cover the largest number of people. The objective is to leave constituted the national group of Panama of Simply Mobilizing and that they can act on their own.

Without further ado, I thank you for your prayers and all the support given to this day. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

God bless you, keep you, and multiply you greatly.