



Radical LifeLines

News from Radical Life Ministries

Update Letter

Construction on Phase One Has Begun!



Greetings from Costa Rica! Thank you for your prayers and giving this year! Look at what God has done in the past six months! The approval process of the building permits was extremely complicated, time consuming and continues to be...but praise God it has begun! Phase I includes new access road, parking lot, new entrance to the sanctuary and perimeter fencing. We are so thankful for this miracle! This project is about 60% funded. Please pray for the remaining permits and funding.

God is Sending New People to Jacó!

You have prayed with us that God would bring the correct people to form and direct the administrative teams to organize and launch the Christian School for children and the Bible Institute for leaders.

We believe God has answered those prayers!

People often ask me, “What is your strategy for developing leaders and multiplying churches?” My response is usually something like, “We *do* have a strategy in place, but the most important part is persistently asking

serve in Jacó, there was no way denying God was calling them here. *Dariel and his family made the decision to come serve in Jacó!*

He is married and has three children. He and his wife, Marelys have their Master’s degrees in Hydroelectric Engineering, and Dariel also holds an additional Master’s degree in Christian Counseling. Dariel has served as a full-time Baptist pastor in Cuba for nineteen years and was the director of the of the Southern Baptist Seminary satellite campus located in Matanzas, Cuba.

Dariel loves Jesus, his family and serving others. He is highly educated, yet humble. He has the gifts of teaching, wise counsel, administration and preaching. He also has a

faithful record of sacrificial living for the advancement of the gospel. We are waiting and praying for the final approval of Dariel’s and his family’s immigration papers. In July, 2019 they plan to leave Cuba and begin a new life in Costa Rica to help establish a church-based Christian school for kids at *Iglesia Radical*.

Julio Lugo and I meet in 2015 through our partnership with IseGo Missions, Northland Church (Orlando, Florida), and The Biblical Institute for Leadership Development (Ames, Iowa.). We have spoken in depth about our mutual calling to establish a church-based Bible Institute in Costa Rica. After many years of praying and seeing God move things into place by faith we are going forward.

Julio was born in Costa Rica to Peruvian parents and after several years, returned to Peru, where he was raised. He studied at the Universidad

Nacional in Lima and at the Alliance Biblical Seminary of Peru, from where he graduated in 1987 with his Master’s degree in Theology. He has served as a pastor of the Christian and Missionary Alliance for thirty years in Lima. During his ministry in Lima, he also served on the board of directors of “Encuentro con Dios, Lima” (an urban church-growth movement), the board of directors of “The Lima Initiative,” Latin American CEO of the Antioch School of Church Planting and Leadership Development, and on the pastoral team of “Lima-City Church” (an effort of church planting in the upper-middle strata of Lima, the sector least reached with the gospel).

Julio is seriously committed to the multiplication of churches, the training of emerging leaders and the integral development of discipleship programs in Latin America. He is currently in the process of completing his doctoral studies in Global Church Based Theological Education from The Antioch School of Church Planting and Leadership Development. In February, 2019 Julio, his wife Irina, and their daughter plan to leave Peru and begin a new life in Costa Rica to establish a church-based Bible Institute here in Jacó!



Dariel and his family

God to send us laborers to help.” Jesus said, “... *pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest*” (Mat. 9:38). Praying to God for laborers has been the most effective way our leadership team has grown.

Dariel Cañas and I meet in 1999 in Cuba while he was still a student at the Baptist Seminary in Havana. Early last year as I was praying, God brought him to the forefront of my mind. It had been several years since I had spoken to him, but for some reason, I couldn’t stop thinking about him. Finally, I believe God helped me realize He was answering our prayers. In September of 2017, I went to Cuba to visit Dariel to see if God was leading in this direction. This September, he received a visa to visit Costa Rica and the ministry in Jacó (that is a complete miracle testimony in itself). After months of prayerfully considering with his family the opportunity to



Julio and Irina

Short-Term Mission Teams

Since June, we have had the honor of hosting four teams. **Northland Church** (from Orlando, Florida) constructed a roof on the house of a young man with special needs



Northland Church

First Baptist Church



from the youth group. **First Baptist Church** (from Fort Lauderdale, Florida) helped host a vacation Bible school and some light construction. **Abbeville United Methodist** (from Abbeville, Alabama) construct-

ed a roof over the *Radical Hope* workshop and purchased a riding lawn mower for the church. **Houses of Hope** (from San Jose, Costa Rica) built a small house for a family in the church.



Abbeville United Methodist



Houses of Hope

Impacting Lives With the Gospel



Meet **Kenneth Peralta** (left) and **Aaron Ramirez** (right). These two young men have grown up in *Iglesia Radical*. They heard and received the gospel and were baptized. Their parents are also active members of the church. Both Kenneth and Aaron travel internationally to surf competitions and both are on the Costa Rica National surf team. When in Jacó or traveling internationally these guys are using their surfing as platforms to share Christ.



This is **Jerry** and **Katherine**. They began visiting the church about two years ago. This year they placed their trust in Christ. Recently, they both were baptized and got married the following week. They are new but very active members of the church. We praise God for His life changing GREAT NEWS of salvation! Thank you for contributing to the efforts to reach people like Kenneth, Aaron, Jerry and Katherine for Christ!



Knapp Family Update

Prayers Answered

- 1). Praise God for many salvations this year and 35 baptisms!
- 2). We believe God has brought Dariel and Julio to help establish the Christian School for kids and the Bible Institute for leadership development.
- 3). The majority of the building permits were approved for Phase I construction (which is nearly 60% funded).

Prayer Requests

- 1). For love and wisdom for leading our family, the church and *Radical Life*.
- 2). For consistency and growth

- in the small group Bible studies at church.
- 3). For a good transition for Julio and his family to the ministry and life in Jacó.
- 4). That Dariel and his family will be allowed to leave Cuba and be granted permanent residency status in Costa Rica (we have been working on this process for six months and God has done many miracles).
- 5). The remaining permits and funds to complete Phase I construction.



Thank you again for your prayers and support. May God bless you! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

The Knapp Family
The Knapps are serving in Playa Jaco, Costa Rica

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