



# Christian Light Foundation Costa Rica

Evangelism and Discipleship

Together in the joy of the Lord

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La Finca means "the farm" or any large open area. It is with great anticipation that we share with you this month the dream for this property that we pray will become a reality soon. It is almost two acres with an old horse stable where a new church plant held services until the EFCN team came and helped with a new church building. Still needed are the classrooms and the large building that will seat some 500 people.

### Tutoring Center

Due to overcrowding, the children go to the grade schools (kinder through 6th grade) in shifts. Most schools have two shifts covering the morning and the afternoons. Some even have three shifts each day and include classes on Saturdays. The classrooms can have more than 40 students. Because of the number of those failing grades, there can be a wide range of ages in the same class. A second grade class that we visited had 42 students that ranged in age from 7 to 12. Some cannot afford the basic school supplies. And many are not even in school at all because of the cost of the required school uniform. Many of the students receive very little help at home because the mothers have a limited education themselves and many of them are not home. Most of the school age children return to a home everyday where there is not an adult present. For the most part, there are no textbooks. The students simply copy material from the chalkboard to their notebooks in order to study for the exam over the material. The exams are about every 6 weeks.

A tutoring center would allow us to invite the students to come to receive help with their studies. It will be a place to learn good study habits. A place to study together with other students when it is time for the exams. It will be a place of great encouragement as the students learn to be proud of themselves and their work, to hear congratulations for higher test scores, and to receive small prizes and fun incentives. They will find that learning does not have to be boring or difficult, but can be fun. And especially for those students that are already

a few grades behind, we trust that it will be a place where they find success and they move ahead in their education instead of dropping out.



### Feeding Center

There are 50,000 people living in Los Guido and perhaps two-thirds are children. Many of them are hungry. The mission complex would allow us to provide a free hot meal to perhaps hundreds of children seven days a week. Maybe the model that God would have us use is tutoring in the morning and the afternoon based upon the school shifts and provide a good lunch to both shifts as they overlap at midday.

### Discipleship Center

Discipleship is the passion of the ministry. Pouring the Word of God into young people and adults alike is what really gets our blood pumping. True life change can only come from a life transformed by Jesus Christ Himself through His Word. With the addition of classrooms, many small discipleship groups can meet during the week learning what it means to love and follow Christ. In addition, the discipleship material can be used as part of the tutoring process in order to introduce Jesus to as many of the children as possible.

### Evangelism and Outreach

The sharing of the gospel would be the priority and the purpose behind a wide range of outreach activities made available to us by such a large building. From family movies to special dinners to youth group activities to crusades, the possibilities are exciting.

### Gymnasium and Sports Center

The youth love to play soccer. The six months of rain does not slow them down as

they continue to play in the rain. Even now on the uneven and lopsided field, there is almost always a game going on. The youth have very few choices when it comes to open areas to play and run, especially areas that are safe. We would like to expand this play area to an area inside that can be used not just for soccer, but also for volleyball, basketball, and other activities that will appeal to the older youth.

### The Vision

Imagine the first awards dinner held to honor the achievements of the students in the tutoring program where family members are present to hear not only the kind words and encouragement for their children, but also to hear the credit and glory given to God and hear how they, too, can have a relationship with our loving God. Wow! Won't you dream with us? We firmly believe that this dream and vision is directly from the heart of God for the people living in Los Guido. We are just waiting on His timing and provision.

### What you can do...

**Pray!** Commit to seriously pray for this project and it's completion. Pray for the funds needed. Pray for the many people that will be getting work because of this mission center. Pray that evangelism and discipleship would be the heart of all that is done there. Pray for the leaders that God will raise up to direct the many programs and outreach activities.

**Come!** Be a part of the action by bringing a team or joining a team. We host missions teams all throughout the year and have work teams already scheduled starting later this year.

**Give!** Our God is the owner of all gold and silver and so we rest in the fact that He already knows how all of this gets paid for. For those that God may call to give financially, there is an account set up with our home/sending church, The Evangelical Free Church of Naperville (IL). Donations are tax deductible. Please contact us for more information about making donations or the amount of the building project.

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction,  
faithful in prayer.  
Romans 12:12

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