

## Accomplishing His Plan:

## By Don Tietz **MOVE IN COSTA RICA**



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**O**n February 13, 2007, Men of Vision Evangelize (MOVE) traveled to Costa Rica on a 16-day building project for New Life Open Bible Church in San Jose. The 35 members on the team represented six different states in the U.S.

Our gracious hosts for the trip were Carlos Mora, pastor of New Life, and his wife, Kattia. The rapidly growing congregation had filled, expanded, and refilled their current rented facility to its limits, and were in desperate need of a new building. After searching for the right place to build, God directed them to just the right piece of property and

preparations began for our arrival. The property was cleared and columns with a raised floor were put in, creating parking space below the church. When the team arrived all was ready for us to

begin construction.

Our Lord once more proved to us how He picks just the right people for these trips. Besides skilled construction people, we were blessed with pastors, accountants, machinists, railroad workers, financial advisors, and several other “non-construction types” on the trip. Each filled a vital role. Under the guidance of Dave Bethany, our Construction Project Director, the crew members’ various skills combined as one unit to build the church while overcoming many obstacles – an example of the Lord’s handiwork. Many



Pastor Carlos and Kattia Mora are gracious hosts

commented on the way everyone worked together with smiles on their faces and obvious joy in their hearts. The team was always ready to mix and pour “just one more batch of mud.”

The day of the church dedication was bittersweet as we realized the time had come for us to leave our new friends. Yet, watching the congregation fill the new building and the service begin filled us with indescribable joy, amazement at what God had accomplished, and a complete realization that this truly was what our Lord had planned. What fun it was to join Him in accomplishing HIS plan!

Constructing buildings is only a part of the purpose of MOVE trips. This trip was no exception. While the building was being raised, the hearts of the men on the trip were opened and healing was in progress. Men so rarely have this kind of opportunity

to be together for an extended period of time, focused only on our Savior. The Lord touched many and prayer was a constant as needs were lifted to the King of kings. When one of our team members was

hospitalized with a major health issue, the church prayed. The MOVE team came together to pray for hours. God heard and responded. Our brother was released from the hospital the next day! God is good



The 2007 MOVE team

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*“When Chris comes back from these trips, he doesn’t talk about the long hours they put in or how tired he was. It’s all about the fellowship that took place or the people that live in these areas and how much they love to worship God. He truly comes home to his family a changed man.”*

*Joan Haywood (wife of Chris Haywood)  
First Church of the Open Bible, Des Moines, Iowa*

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All photographs courtesy of the MOVE crew

and all felt His power and love.

We enjoyed a special time with International Ministries Director Paul Canfield and his wife, Vivian, as they

joined us on this trip. We came to know them well as they worked and worshipped with us.

We thank Pastor Carlos and Kattia Mora for all of their hard work in preparing for our arrival and tending to our needs while we were in San Jose.

Former MOVE Director Ray Rexus did not join us on this trip and was missed by all. Though he stepped down as director he is still working to keep MOVE an

active ministry for years to come. His mentoring and advice contributed greatly to the success of this trip. We appreciate all he has done and continues to do for MOVE.

Watch for an announcement coming

soon for next year's trip. Perhaps you will join us. Be praying. You may be called to go.



*"This MOVE trip represented two journeys for me – and outer and inner journey. Unlike my first trip where I worried too much about doing something disastrous, I embraced more of the fellowship and camaraderie this time. Outwardly I stretched myself to engage men that I normally wouldn't hang out with. Inwardly I felt more primed than usual to extend myself more on the work site with jobs I wouldn't consider doing at home. It's such a blessing to be right in the center of God's work and His will alongside so many outstanding men."*

*Jon Jonckers*

*First Church of the Open Bible, Spokane, Washington*



*The MOVE team fulfilled a promise the Lord gave to Carlos And Kattia seven years ago: "Behold, you will call a nation you do not know, and a nation which knows you not will run to you." (Isaiah 55:5)*



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