

FALL2008

Instituto de Lengua Española (ILE)

The end of October will mark the halfway point of our time here at Spanish Language Institute (www.thespanishinstitute.com) in Costa Rica. The school is great and the teachers are really helpful. It has been a time of challenge, progress and joy.

The challenge is that every day, we are learning something new. Every day we use Spanish more and more in our daily lives, not just in school. And we are seeing progress. The progress is difficult to measure on a daily basis, but when we look back a few weeks or a month, the progress is amazing.

When we first came here, we thought that our only purpose for being here was to learn Spanish. But God had other uses for us as well. For example, we have taken in children of students overnight or longer so that their parents could get away for a while. Also, we have become involved in a local Spanish speaking church and have gotten to know several families there.

There have also been opportunities for recreation. The school has had some cultural activities, and we have gone on a couple of day trips.

What's Next?

We are planning to return to Maine for a brief visit in December. We will then return to Costa Rica for our third term of school. Graduation is scheduled for April 24, 2009. At that point, we plan to go directly to Ecuador to begin serving at Hospital Vozandes del Oriente in Shell.

Praise:

- ... that we are just about halfway through language school
- ... for Steve's speedy recovery from an appendectomy
- ... for faithful prayer and financial supporters

Pray:

- ... for continued effective language learning
- ... for our continued good health
- ... for personal safety in and around the city
- ... for additional support needs *

Still Looking Up,

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**HCJB Global has informed us of an increase in our support requirements. That, coupled with the loss of some support, has resulted in an additional need of \$350 per month.*



Our pool in the front yard



Pastor Chino,
Iglesia El Lugar