



The Franklin Family
*Go, stand and speak in the temple
 to the people all the words of this life. Acts 5:20*

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Immigration and Migration

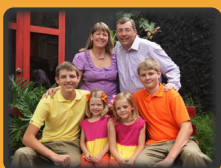


Ernsó, Magtincia, Gerturde and William (pictured in a Costa Rican refugee camp) were flown to the U.S.A. by I.C.E. this past month after being picked up in the Nicaraguan jungle attempting to migrate from the D.R. to Brazil to the States.

Each year, for the last seven years, 12% of our adult members have moved to another country.

Evangelism and discipleship has been for years our very means of survival (4 received Christ just this last month). Regina and I jokingly call it “Way Station Baptist” and welcome anyone and everyone regardless of their current legal status. Now don’t get me wrong, Pastor Dial and our leaders want

people to come legally. We are not in favor of amnesty etc. but, the D.R. does need a clear and precise immigration process. And that is the rub, because here it is understandably cloudy and complicated, due to massive immigration caused by the earthquake in Haiti in 2010. This and the multiplication of low wage factory zones is why many in the Church (Dominicans and Haitians) have moved to the United States, Canada, Brazil, Chili and Peru (to name just a few). Many have stayed in contact with friends and family that have migrated. Because of the news and the hard truth of experiences shared, many now know why growing spiritually by attending a Bible believing Church is more important than temporary physical gain. At the same time this has been happening, the Church is seeing signs of stability: our leaders are living out “Godliness with contentment is great gain”, serving others and giving to missions is top priority and Phase 1 plans, for the new Church building, have people excited. Many members are also bearing spiritual fruit, which has lead to physical blessings. Today, transportation problems have improved, safety issues have decreased and every child in Sunday school is attending a recognized Dominican school where in 2010 only a handful were attending. Please pray that this year will be the first year where immigration and migration will lessen.



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