

Hello to all back in USA!

Pam and I got initially settled into our new house in Fort Mill, SC, area, then I had to return to San Jose, Costa Rica, to continue **teaching a M.A. module class**. I just finished three weeks with some excellent students! We had a great time, focusing on translating the Hebrew text of Jonah and Ruth, and some extra passages from Genesis, Exodus, Isaiah and the Psalms. I always seem to learn more than the students do, but that is OK. It keeps us all excited about getting new insights into God's word.

**Jamaica!** Remember that I had to go to Kingston, Jamaica, at the end of June to speak with the leadership of the Caribbean Graduate School of Theology? They liked our proposal about the M.A. in Cuba becoming an extension of their program, only in Spanish. With just two additional courses, we will be offering the same program as they do in Jamaica. Thus we will be on the **fast track to accreditation of our Cuba M.A.**! This means great news for the Cuban students. Once they receive an M.A. from an accredited program, they will have many more options open to them, both in ministry and in continuing their studies if they so choose. Praise God for this giant step forward! All that remains is for the Boards of both schools to approve the new arrangement. I will hope to go to Cuba in September to speed the process up there a bit.

We did have **one set back** in Cuba: Overseas Council International helps seminaries around the world with financing and faculty development. (They are the source of most of the financing of our Cuba M.A. effort.) One such initiative is the Institute of Excellence conference, offered in many places to strengthen seminary leadership. Well, the Cuba conference scheduled for September had to be cancelled due to difficulties in getting visas for the foreign participants to enter Cuba. So we will plan for some future date, God willing. I did get my visa to go and teach, and participate as a presenter at the Institute. It looks, however like I will only be teaching this time.

Please continue to pray about **the sale of our house in Costa Rica**. While I have been here teaching, I have also been stepping up the effort to finalize the sale of the property. After many disappointments, we apparently have two very interested parties. Both have cash to buy, so there would be no waiting for a loan to be approved. So PRAY that one will make a final decision this coming week, and we will be able to tie up loose ends down here in San Jose. It will be great to focus once again on ministries, and not to have to deal with these financial distractions.

God is good all the time, even when we feel the squeeze of circumstances. We have been learning ... and re-learning ... many valuable spiritual lessons through the ups and downs of the last half year. We love you all, and pray for you to be drawn into a closer relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ along the path of your journey as well.

Yours for Christ and His kingdom,  
Floyd and Pam Elmore  
1 Peter 4:10-11