

Steve, Rachel, Caspar, Raúl, Adrianna, and Jim (L-R), staff on the Resonate Central America Team from Guatemala to Costa Rica, highlight some of the fruit of God's Kingdom we see along with partners in the region.

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PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for the current Caminantes in their countries of service, their communities and our partners in the region. Pray for the transformation of Caminantes' lives and the realities they serve.
- Pray for the next generation of Caminantes. The call is open for next year's Cohort. This program offers a year-long experience of service and formation, in which fellows are immersed in a new culture in Central America by serving with local mission organizations. It is an opportunity to grow individually and in community. For more information or if you are interested in getting involved, please go to our website resonateglobalmission.org/cohort or contact Gillian Bruce via email gbruce@crcna.org.
- Praise God for the birth of Adrianna and Raul's baby, Oliver Henry. All three are doing very well. Adrianna is back from maternity leave. Pray for them as they adjust to being a family of three and resume ministerial activities.
- Eliana Yaxché has arrived! Isra and Rachel's baby daughter was born at the beginning of June, thanks be to God! They are doing great and adjusting as a family. Please keep them in your prayers.

YOUTH IN THE REGION

Resonate through the Caminantes (Cohort of Missioners) program offers a discipleship opportunity for young adults. While serving in a ministry in the Central American region, they learn in community; engage in deep spiritual formation; and wrestle with challenging conversations about faith, mission, social justice and other issues. 2018 Caminante Jeison Rodríguez, from Costa Rica, shares his experience with us:

How to be involved in the world's reality in the way that Jesus did? How to connect the Word of God with everyday life? These were some of the questions that I faced as a Caminante. During that time, I learned not to see others as objects to be evangelized but as friends with whom we can seek purpose, freedom, and hope.

My time as a Caminante invited me, and continues to invite me, to consider the ways in which "the Word became flesh" and "dwelled/walked/ran/sweated among us". Traveling through Central America during the year of service as Caminante and seeing our hurt region, wounded by the abandonment and exclusion of political and economic systems, by violence in all its forms but also moved by the hopes of the people who walk with God; I realized the personal and community need to opt for a lifestyle similar to Jesus' who did not consider being equal to God as an excuse to isolate himself but instead opted for



Jeison (far right corner) with the Caminantes of 2022.

an incarnated life among the stories and realities of the people. Especially a style that deepens the experience of hospitality, listening to each other, dialogue, and, likewise, dreaming and making new ways of living, relating and doing mission.

After passing through Caminantes and Casa Adobe, I have had the joy of interweaving life with Benita, a beautiful Guatemalan, living in Guatemala and with the privilege of serving in two ministries: Caminantes Central America, as a program assistant, accompanying new Caminantes and in Centro Esdras, coordinating the area of theological education for leaders, laity and pastors from Guatemala and Latin America.

Pray for Jeison and the accompaniment he provides to the current Caminantes serving in Honduras and Guatemala. Pray for the transformation of Caminantes' lives and the realities where they serve.



Fernanda Gamboa in Honduras.

MAKING USE OF THEIR GIFTS OF SERVICE

Time goes too fast for our Caminantes. For Fernanda Gamboa from Costa Rica, currently serving in Honduras, a typical week consists of splitting her time between PRODIM (Holistic Development Program for Minors), Honduran Sign Language classes, visiting community schools to teach values, and meeting with women to talk about holistic health. Sometimes she also collaborates with Misión Identidad, working with children in homes at risk and working on the restructuring of the Juntos program for healthy relationships of high school youth and parents. Through these activities and organizations, Fernanda has experienced concern for the need: not only for hands and hearts willing to serve but also for funds to cover the needs. As a Caminante it is her wish that more and more volunteers be encouraged to be part of these experiences so that they can be used with their gifts of service. We are very grateful for the lives of the Caminantes and the way they use their talents and encourage us to live the Gospel and contribute to these programs. Do you want to get involved? Show your support by helping Caminantes today, and [donate here](#) by choosing "Cohort of Missioners General".

TRANSFORMING THE PRESENT AND THE FUTURE

Denisse Majico from El Salvador was a Caminante serving in Unión Bíblica and Seeds of New Creation (2020-2021) in her home country. She provided workshops for young people and coordinated the Virtual Tutoring Program, where, in courses on Mental Health, she fell in love with Psychology to help others. She is currently studying Psychology as a second major. Denisse shares with us that "The time as a Caminante was challenging due to the processes I lived and the paradigms I unlearned. But this experience transformed my spiritual and life perspective. Now, I see reality with new eyes." The Caminantes program is an experience of service, intensive learning, reflection and spiritual formation that impacts both the present and future of the participants, ministries, and communities where they serve.

MEET OUR PARTNER CENTRO ESDRAS

Centro Esdras is an interdenominational Christian ministry in Guatemala for biblical formation, leadership development, and research of the church and its mission in the world. Its mission is to train servant leaders based on the transformative Word and an innovative methodology that shapes the Christian character, reflec-



Part of the Centro Esdras team with two visitors from Horizon Education Network.

ive thinking and proactive action, in favor of the holistic fulfillment of the mission. Centro Esdras carries out its mission through diploma courses, leadership consultations, workshops and various courses, based on the theological framework of Holistic Mission. In 2021 they launched the Mission in the Way of Jesus, Theology for Life, and Pedagogy of Jesus and Biblical Worldview diploma courses. Likewise, the Comprehensive Development of Children, Adolescents and Family, Environment and Holistic Health programs are offered to churches and NGOs. In 2021 the Environment program launched the Manual on "Caring for all Creation" and is offering workshops inside and outside of Guatemala.

Since 2021, the diploma courses have been opened to the public in Latin America. Last year, students from 14 countries in the region enrolled. The Consultation "Rethinking the Church of the 21st Century" was held virtually at the Latin American level. Resonate support was key in this continental event.

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