

# The Gass Station

Updates from Joel and April Gass

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## **Highlight: Pastor Pedro**

Pedro Palasco is a dedicated pastor to the people of Monte Fresco. Confident that God has called him to preach to the peoples of Monte Fresco, he endures many hardships. He lives in an area only accessible by foot. Recently, we took a mission team and hiked into the remote area.

Pastor Pedro was thrilled to help out and to have



his whole congregation receive a Bible and reading plan. We took a group of Bible Institute pastors and other friends door to door in a very remote community, sharing the Gospel and giving a Bible to 150 families. Thanks to all who helped meet our goals to purchase the Bibles. We would like to say a special thanks to Tree of Life for bringing a team down to help distribute them. It was a really good trip. We were encouraged by the hard work of everyone in the group.



Ladies with their new Bibles



Monte Fresco Evangelism team

#### **Bible Institute**

Monte Fresco's Pastor Pedro is a hardworking individual. His scholarship to study at Carazo Bible Institute is provided by River of Life Church in Starke, FL. We are very grateful for their generosity. During the Tropical storm Nate, this area suffered some setbacks. There were landslides, trees that fell over and giant washes. During the storm a tree fell on their church while they were having a meeting. Everyone escaped with minor cuts and bruises.



Tree that fell on Monte Fresco Church

### Romans 3:23-24

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

### Carazo Medical Clinic

Little by little the Medical clinic has been coming together. Dr. Reyna Tiffer is doing a great job getting out into rural communities in the mobile clinic. We are trying to purchase the building we are now renting to provide a more permanent base of operations. We have an examination table and other supplies already set up. This month we have seen 3 patients in the clinic in addition to our visits to the rural areas.



GASS FAMILY: Our family is doing well and we thank you for holding us up in prayer. April is busy with homeschool, assisting Doctor Reyna as needed with the medical clinic and also involved in a women's Bible study on Saturdays. The kids are going



#### Quinta Santa Isabel

Dr. Reyna has been taking the Carazo Medical Clinic to Quinta Santa Isabel once a month. The ministry there is Esparanza Rising (Rising Hope). This is what they wrote: The Carazo mobile medical clinic with Dor. Reyna has been a huge help in the community Quinta Santa Isabel. So many of the children and adults have multiple medical problems and many times can't afford medicine for some of the simplest and smallest illnesses, which of course causes greater illness. Since Dr. Reyna has been coming to the community, we have seen a huge increase of continuous good health among the children. Dr. Reyna has also come and taught some mini seminars about bettering lifestyle to maintain good health. Some of those seminars include the importance of clean water, talks with the girls about menstrual cycles and how to take care of and protect themselves from the dangers of human trafficking, etc. We are so thankful for the help that Gass Family

strong in their schoolwork and very much looking forward to the holiday season. We have had some difficult weeks...months actually! Reagan and Madie both had pneumonia that required strong antibiotics and a lengthy recovery. Madie turns 17 in December. We can hardly believe it. She is sick again with strep throat but does seem to be on the mend. She also has scoliosis (recently diagnosed) and has begun physical therapy. This has been financially taxing due to cumulative expenses of X-rays, CT scans, and medicines but we are extremely thankful for the cheerful and generous support we receive.

Soli Deo Gloria, Joel, April & the kids..