Costa Rica Trip
2010

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Costa Rica Trip

• This trip was made in 2010, from the 12th to the 19th of March.

• My purpose was to speak at ESEPA Bible College & Seminary in San José, and to see some of the country.

• My host was Dr Gary Shogren
  – graduate of Biblical Seminary,
  – former colleague on our Biblical faculty,
  – Professor of New Testament at ESEPA.
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• I gave two series of talks at ESEPA:
  – Morning lectures mostly on biblical prophecy
  – Evening lectures on science & creation
• I also gave a lecture to Gary’s parables class on the parables of the rabbis.
• I also spoke twice Sunday morning at the Iglesia Biblica Nazareth.
Some Information

• Costa Rica is located in Central America, just south of Nicaragua and north of Panama.
• Its population (2009 estimate) is about 4.2 million.
• Costa Rica is bordered on the east by the Caribbean Sea, and on the west by the Pacific Ocean.
• Its capital San José is located in a high valley with a rather pleasant climate.
Flag of Costa Rica
Religion in Costa Rica

- The largest religious group is Roman Catholic, 70.5%
- Next is Evangelical Protestant, 13.8%
- No religion, 11.4%
- Other religions, 4.3%
More on Costa Rica

• There is freedom of religion in Costa Rica.
• About 1/3 of the Costa Rican Catholics consider themselves non-practicing.
• The government is a constitutional democracy, the only one in Latin America that is listed as one of the 22 Older Democracies.
• The country permanently abolished its army in 1949.
The Trip Down

Friday, March 12:

- Leave Charlottesville 6:39 am.
- Arrive Atlanta 8:04.
- Arrive San José, Costa Rica 12:30 pm.
- Meet Gary, rest of day at his place.
Saturday, March 13

• Morning:
  – walk to Farmers’ Market
  – get copies of handout for Sunday sermon

• Afternoon: sightseeing
  – Cartago
  – Paraiso

• Evening:
  – back at Gary’s
  – going over talk for Sunday
Sunday, March 14

• To Iglesia Biblica Nazareth
  – Meet pastor Marvin Leandro
  – My PowerPoint “Nostradamus & the Bible” at both services; one of the translators Paul Mauger

• Afternoon
  – Napping
  – Walk
  – Going over Monday talks

• Evening
  – Dinner
  – Reading
Abstracts of PowerPoint Talks
Monday, March 15

• Morning:
  – Breakfast at ESEPA
  – Talk “Prophecy Ancient & Modern”
  – Visit Hipermas discount department store

• Afternoon free

• Evening
  – Sit in on part of Psalms course
  – Talk “Genesis One & the Origin of the Earth”
Tuesday, March 16

- Morning
  - Talk “How Near Is the End?”
- Afternoon
  - Parables class, lecture “Rabbinic Parables”
- Evening
  - Talk “God’s Faithfulness as Seen in Our Universe”
Las parábolas rabínicas

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Wednesday, March 17

- **Morning**
  - Talk “Birth Pains of the Messiah”
  - Road trip up mountain
- **Afternoon**
  - Lunch at Tai Jo Asiatic Restaurant
- **Evening**
  - Talk “Some Problems for Theistic Evolution”
Los Dolores de Parto del Mesías

¿Ya comenzaron?

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Thursday, March 18

• Morning
  – Talk “Understanding Harry Potter”
  – Sightseeing in downtown San José

• Afternoon
  – Resting, going over tonight’s talk

• Evening
  – Talk “Astronomy and the Bible”
Entendiendo

*Harry Potter*

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Friday, March 19

- Depart San José 7:32 am (= 9:32 EDT)
- Arrive Atlanta 12:55 pm
- Depart Atlanta 3:33 pm
- Arrive Charlottesville 4:39 pm
- Home 6:12 pm
The End

Pray for Costa Rica