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"Peek - A - Boo" walls under construction...

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Costa Rica- The Island of Chira is a slice of paradise, eleven miles long and six miles wide, nestled between the Gulf of Nicoya and the Pacific Ocean. We roomed at the only hotel on the Island. It was fairly new and had many amenities you might not normally come across such as "Peek -A– Boo" rooms. While getting dressed you can watch your neighbors on both sides do the same. The secret behind these transparent walls is the handmade clapboard technology. They are uniquely shaped, rustic chain sawed boards over lapped in a clap board fashion; only, why waste good wood when you can leave an occasional ½"space. The bathrooms are conveniently located outside the rooms around the balcony and down the hall.

Best of all is the live entertainment. I woke up in the middle of the night remembering that I forgot to zip up my duffle bag. You may wonder, "what's the big deal?", Am I obsessive compulsive? Maybe. But my experiences tell me that you never know what will try to nest in your suit case. It was pitch black I got hold of the zipper and began to close my bag when all of a sudden a 4" tree frog leaped and landed on my throat. It was slimy, sweaty and cold, I slung it away and tried not to croak, choke or wake the other guests. I fell back to sleep only to be woken up again by Mr. Frog as he landed on my leg. Yucko. I chucked him again and began wondering where he would turn up next. The next day, I was blessed to wash my hands of my little green roommate when I took a three hour outdoor shower courtesy of our transportation on the Island; sitting in the bed of an Isuzu pickup truck. Need I say more? ...except, when it rained, it poured.

## COSTA RI



Some of our Bible Students, many of the missing are at work (fishing)



Pastor Esteban has recently planted a new church.

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My mission was to minister to and encourage our 27 Bible students on the Island. They have a vision to plant 14 churches. They have already planted their first one with a congregation of thirty people. There are 3 more church planters being prepared with our Bible Institute Vida Internacional. Also, due to the impact of Gods word many couples are getting married. These Islanders are Chorotegas and Matomby Indians and it is not their custom to make a marriage covenant, but now they are bringing Christ into the home and are getting married in the eyes of God. Last but not least, an autistic young man by the name of Wilbert lived in tremendous emotional pain. Everywhere he went he walked backwards. He was impossible to live with and he and his father had a falling out. My associate Jorge Gamboa read to him 8 chapters of Isaiah. Wilbert memorized all 8 chapters. He studies God's word in our School and God is working a miracle in this young man's life. He is reunited and living back at home with his family and now he walks straight ahead and normal.

Your gifts are touching the lives of people you may never meet this side of heaven. Thanks to all of you that are praying and giving. You are a part of the miracle of changed lives.

Together We Touch the World!

Ju & Carol

## Bed & Breakfast Sleeping in Paradise...

Island of Chira, Costa Rica

