

# 2024 REVIEW



The Nest

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# Hello there!

This last year we've been eyewitnesses to incredible, over the top, abundant blessings for The Nest. Evidence that the ministry has found favor with the Giver of all good things, God Himself, abounds!

In this glimpse back into 2024, we believe you'll find blessings of various shades of grace all with a theme of growth. Yes, there's been some amazing material things like a new truck and full solar electricity at The Nest, temporal to be sure, and very much helpful.

But we trust you'll also see God's gracious favor poured out on our little team and the community we serve. And to have experienced **this** firsthand is the greatest gift of all.

In the pages of scripture many times God's people would face insurmountable difficulties and hardship. They would shake their hands towards heaven and ask for mercy. God's answer to them was often to simply remember. To remember the past, and His promises, His unchanging grace and love, His times of plenty to get them through times of need. For The Nest, 2024 will be one of those years to remember, like a polished gem in the pocket of our hearts.

Remembering with gratitude,  
James & Karina Beach

# Funding Update

## Highlights:

- Monthly Donors: Individuals & Churches
- Raising Funds vs. Sustainability
- Upcoming Projects



## Projects for 2025

### For the shelter:

- create the foundation & acquire the necessary licensing and registration to open our doors to receive girls for sheltering from the PANI (Costa Rican CPS).
- set the funding necessary to hire a therapist and social worker as well as support staff and supplies.
- build and supply a dedicated infirmary at the Nest. We have submitted grant applications to meet this need.

### For the farm:

- harvest our first crop of vanilla, a beautiful but very complex process of hand pollination and cultivation.
- build special equipment to support the orchid vine and encourage its growth.
- triple our output, bringing our chicken farm up to 800 chickens in number!
- build a powered lift system so that we can get all our supplies up the hill by means of engineering instead of back breaking labor.

God has been abundantly extravagant with his financial blessings towards The Nest this last year. Our individual monthly supporters have remained faithful, and the churches that pray for and give to The Nest are holding strong. All the monthly donors, from those who give \$1000 a month down to \$25, are all special and we appreciate each one of you.

Karina and James are thankfully fully funded as missionaries, and we are so grateful!

Large financial gifts and anonymous donations to The Nest have been an incredible source of encouragement and confirmation that God is favoring our Nest mission. We thank each of you for your sensitivity to His leading of your generous hearts, and pray for His blessings on your lives and families. As always we humbly praise the Lord, knowing that He is the giver of good gifts.

# Hospitality & Conferences

## Highlights:

- Anastasia Baptist Church Women's Conference
- Cityview Bible Church Conference for Men & Children
- Regeneration Youth Camp
- Christian Heritage Academy



The year started out with a bang. From the first week of January until May we hosted five different conferences for women, men, children, and a youth camp. Welcoming short term mission groups from Regeneration Church in California, Cityview Bible from Texas, Anastasia Church from Florida, and Christian Heritage Academy from Arkansas. Each of these groups brought with them the conference plan, supplies and most of all the enthusiasm of serving the BriBri community with the love of Jesus. Each of the conferences were very well received with hundreds of BriBri women and children climbing the hill up to The Nest. The sight and sound of so many children playing, singing, and attentively listening to the Gospel story, made all our efforts worthwhile.

Also visiting The Nest were two special ladies who have been long time supporters. The first was Barb the Baker from California who wanted to share her talent and love of baking with the BriBri women. She arrived with suitcases full of supplies and set to work with baking classes for our staff and other women from nearby communities. The smell of fresh baked cinnamon buns and sourdough bread was heavenly.

Also bringing her talent was our friend Maureen from Florida. She runs a small business doing blood analysis and counseling people on recommended diet changes based on her microscopic findings. Seeing the line of BriBri at her door for testing was great, but hearing their surprise shock at seeing a drop of their blood enlarged on a big microscopic monitor was priceless.

Please continue to pray for our events, volunteers and churches willing to visit and share, and especially the hard to reach men, as we go out into the community to be a witness to them.



# Interns @ The Nest

## Highlights:

- Charlotte Gribble
- Alexandria (BriBri)
- Larkin Miller



This past year was a year of firsts including our first internship program. We were delighted to have Charlotte Gribble, a young woman of 18 from Australia. She was paired with Alexandria, a young BriBri girl of the same age, and together they served in community outreach, worked the Nest farm, and sat for mission teachings for over two months. We also received our first missionary volunteer, Larkin Miller, a graduate of YWAM, whose invaluable service alongside us was a real blessing this past year.

Heading into 2025, we are looking for interns who would be willing to commit between six and 12 weeks serving here onsite at the Nest. Please reach out if you or someone you know might be interested!



# Outreach

## Highlights:

- Community Effort
- Soccer Teams & Tournaments
- Self-Defense Classes
- Bible Lessons
- Sunday Morning Church Services



The Nest's weekend outreach program for youth continued in 2024. We see a consistent group of about 30 youth gather here every Saturday, rain or shine, for 52 weeks a year. Each Saturday, besides our activities we feed these youth and teach them a Bible lesson followed by prayer. This past year we introduced a self-defense class for the kids, with a wonderful young man coming every weekend from his Puerto Viejo martial arts school to train and instruct the youth in this fun and important exercise. We have also formed a soccer team for our boys, our girls, and also the wee little ones. A special donation bought everyone a jersey, and we've even played in community soccer tournaments, losing every single game we play. But seeing our Nest staff come out to support our Nest kids has been a riot of fun. We have, however, hired a real soccer coach now who trains the children on outreach days, so we're hoping that in 2025 we can begin to score some wins!



# Summertime in Canada & Beyond

## Highlights:

- Beach Family Reunions
- A Canadian BriBri Partnership
- An 80th Birthday Celebration

In the summer of 2024, Karina and James went on a deputation trip to Canada. Most of James' family and long-ago contacts live in and around Montreal and Ottawa. In the space of one month, and 18 different engagements, we presented The Nest mission thru a scripted 30-minute in person presentation **to over 2,200 people**. Churches, BBQ parties, nursing homes, and picnics, they did not turn down any opportunity to be a witness to the goodness of God and His mission at The Nest.

In amongst all of this tiring work, we spent some quality time with James' parents and siblings, and did a little sightseeing in Canada's beautiful capital city of Ottawa. While in Canada, we are very grateful to have partnered with a Canadian ministry (Bible Basics International), allowing an avenue for our Canadian donors to give to The Nest.

Just before heading back to Costa Rica in late July, they were able to also celebrate Karina's mom's 80th birthday with her in Florida. It was so good to be with her on this special day.

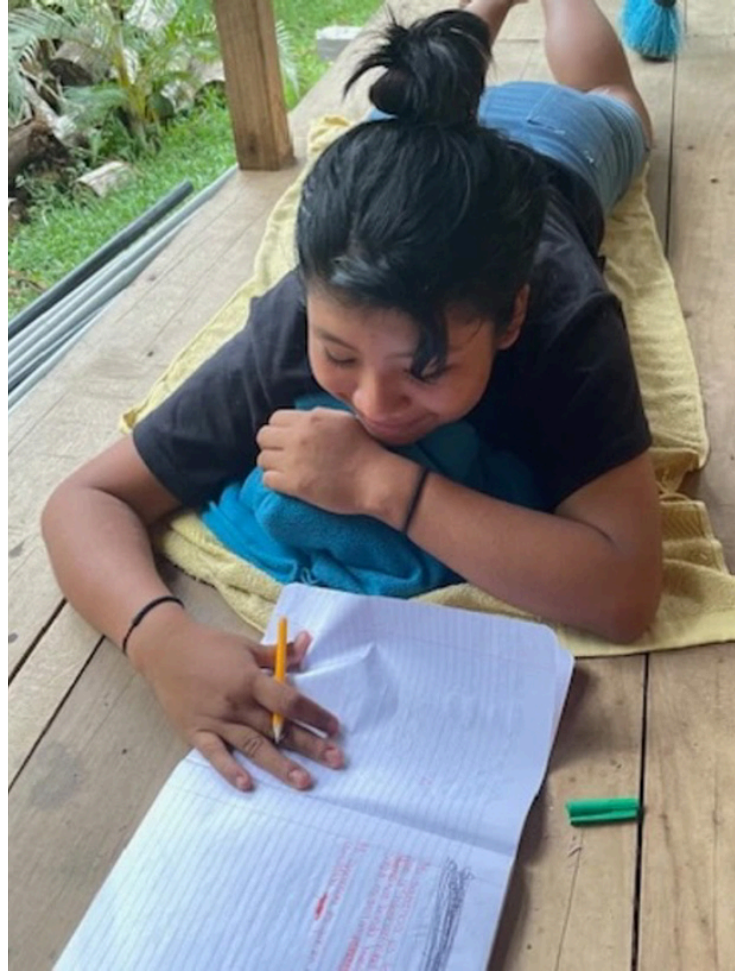


# Feathering The Nest

## Highlights:

- Naju-Belle is Home @ The Nest
- Melanie's Pregnancy
- Casa Viva Training & Site Visit

In early August, God brought us a beautiful new blessing. Her name is Naju-belle, a 14 year old BriBri girl, from the nearby village of Urén. Neglected and abandoned by her mother, she was living with being repeatedly raped by a much older man and physically assaulted by her own family. With her mother signing over guardianship, Naju arrived at the Nest scared and scarred. Karina immediately got on her knees in prayer and in action to provide Naju with her housing needs, schooling, and therapy. Our BriBri friend Emily stepped up to the task, and together she and Karina became Naju's governesses. Through the gracious help of supporters, she even started weekly therapy sessions via zoom with a registered therapist in California. In the last five months, and as our first real resident of the Nest, she has absolutely thrived!



Concurrently, our Casa Viva training is nearing completion and our licensing process of registering as a temporary residence shelter is underway. In early December, we had our first site visit from our Casa Viva Liaison, and he remarked that he felt the peace of God resting over our space. We are grateful to Casa Viva, who will guide The Nest through the necessary legalities of forming a foundation and working relationship with Child Protective Services within the Costa Rican government. Please pray for us to find a dedicated full time social worker and qualified therapist that are required for us to be approved.



## Melanie's Story



At The Nest, we're beginning to understand that coming with each new rescued girl, will be a unique story of crisis and challenges. While we were busy getting Naju settled in, a young girl of 17 named Melanie approached us. We knew her as a sporadic attendee at our outreach but hadn't seen her in sometime.

So we were shocked when she showed up nine months pregnant. Without any prenatal care or support, she asked for help and shelter.

Melanie's story is a sad one. When she was only 8 years old, she was sold by her mother to an older man and taken away to live with him. Sold into servanthood and sex slavery, her dysfunctional dependence on this alcoholic father figure ran deep. But here she was, genuinely scared for the life of her unborn child and asking for help. We immediately started a special donation fund and were rewarded with an outpouring of support for her. Getting her to agree to seek medical care was very difficult, but finally we got her to the hospital to give birth. In the process, we got a social worker involved and sought out the best possible outcome for her and her baby. Karina traveled the two-hour drive to the hospital to be at her bedside. Back at The Nest, we all prepared for the arrival of the infant and mother, buying supplies and even building a crib. Based on her social worker's report, Melanie feared the worst, that her baby would be taken from her due to the unstable and abusive situation back in the jungle. We offered, pleaded, and almost begged her to come to live at The Nest.

In the end, she discharged herself and took a bus back home to live with her abuser and her baby. It was a sad and frustrating conclusion to all our efforts, but we learned a valuable lesson, that we cannot force opportunities onto those unwilling to accept them. We continue to pray for her, and she does show up from time to time, very timidly asking for help, which we gladly offer. Providing diapers and essentials allows us to check on Melanie and the well-being of the baby, who we are happy to report, is doing well. One of our rescue dogs has attached herself to Melanie and looks after them faithfully. Please pray for Melanie, that she will have the courage to leave her abuser, and that she and her baby will find shelter not just at The Nest but in the arms of Jesus.

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# Farm News



## Chickens & Eggs

- A Government Grant for a Coop Construction
- Arrival of the Chicks
- The Nest Market LLC & Senasa Certification
- Brisk Sales at the Markets

In late 2023, the Nest was awarded a federal grant to hire a group of BriBri for a specific project over 3 months. This allowed us to create a farm yard on our land and build the facilities required to introduce a large chicken farm.

In January 2024, after a successful farm funding campaign, we brought 200 baby chicks to their new home. Raising and caring for them with the help of new staff members has been an adventure. These chickens are for egg laying purposes only. By mid May they began laying beautiful brown eggs, nearly 1,500 eggs a week! Karina worked tirelessly to engage with the federal agricultural authorities, and we were granted the permission to sell and market our new product. From the very beginning, we were sold out of eggs each week at the farmers market, grocery store, and the deliveries to hotels and restaurants. The Nest's little enterprise of self sustainability has grown into a legitimate company called The Nest Market LLC. Corp. We intend to introduce our other products of coffee, cacao, pepper, and vanilla into the marketplace as we harvest new crops this coming year. Already, these endeavors are able to not only support themselves, but also help us grow our Nest outreach programs for the community.



## A Bushel Full of Bounty

From its inception, The Nest began planting crops well before building houses. Knowing these seedlings would require a few years to grow and produce a crop. Well in 2024, all our plants with exception of our vanilla decided to wake up at once. As the community around us witness a thriving Christian ministry, they bring us their children for outreach, and leave with eggs and produce. Only through Gods favor have we been able to see a harvest of bounty, both in reputation and in real fruit. Our **coffee** harvest keeps on increasing, along with our **fruit trees, peppercorn, cinnamon, cacao, and bananas.**

Our signature crop of **vanilla** is growing beautifully and we are expecting this coming year to be its first harvest. Karina has reached out and upwards to much larger organizations for mentoring and support in how best to manage this particular crop. Our farming staff have been so dedicated to lovingly care for our vanilla and it's exciting to see their anticipation.

## The Sheep of His Pasture

- Beaches Tithe to the Nest
- Rescue of Mary & Martha
- Purchase of Lazarus
- Sheep Corrals and Husbandry

James & Karina, with a desire to tithe back to the Nest from Gods blessing decided to rescue two sheep and provide them with housing and corralled pasture land at The Nest. Their names are Mary and Martha. We also purchased a ram and named him Lazarus. A new baby was later born (Bambi). Our plan is to grow our little herd, and supply ourselves with meat and sell to the community. Husbandry and veterinary care have added quite the new set of skills to our growing list of first time ever experiences. Our growing community of friends and farmers have been more than happy to help and support us.

# Christmas @ The Nest

## It's Tradition! A Christmas Party for The Nest Children

On December 21st, just two days before departure to Florida, The Nest once again hosted its annual Christmas party for the children. We are grateful to Anastasia Baptist Church youth for visiting to help with this event and for buying the over 100 individual presents for the kids!

The day of the party found our whole team downcast and nervously watching the heavy rain beating down. But despite the deluge, over 100 kids and moms showed up and everyone had a wonderful time celebrating the birth of Jesus.



## A Special Party for Our Amazing Team

Early December found us wrapping up the year, and with the generous gift of a donor, we hosted a Christmas party for our staff and family. We had 30 attendees!! Great food, games and even a swimming pool for the kids. Speeches, followed by prayer and then Christmas bonuses were handed out.

We are incredibly grateful for our current staff. The operations of the Nest village would not be if not for these dedicated people. Mostly single mothers, they really are on board and proud to be part of something special and bigger than just a place to work. Often Karina and James present to folks as the face of The Nest ministry, but the notion that we are doing it without a lot of help is laughable. Someday we'd love to host a party for both our ground staff as well as our USA-based team of volunteer operators!

Please pray that in 2025 we can finally complete our goal of funding our staff salaries. Our campaign of \$33.33 monthly donations (that's only 1.90/day). We're looking for just 100 people to pick up this need. We're currently at about 20 individuals.



# Special Gifts for The Nest

## A Brand New Diesel Truck



On the very last night of deputation in Canada, Karina and James were lamenting the lukewarm response to all of their fundraising efforts, when Stephanie, our CFO, reached out with the news that an anonymous donation of \$45,000 had been made for the purpose of purchasing a brand new diesel pickup truck for The Nest! Bewildered and grateful, we praised God for giving us this much needed upgrade to our current vehicle, which was frequently breaking down and costing us much in unplanned expenses. We have filled that truck full of the following items: chickens, children, suitcases, water jugs, propane bottles, gas cans, hay bales, plants, motorcycles, metal trash, soccer teams, eggs crates, groceries, and more!

## Solar Panels & Installation



In 2024 The Nest literally came out of the dark. For years we operated with the use of gasoline generators for all our electrical power needs. We had strung up garden solar lights in the bathrooms and houses, and with this elemental system we simply carried on. But with the tremendous growth and blossoming potential, we knew we needed to find a more permanent solution. Enter the amazing team of supporters from the Cityview Church, who took on the funding project and really came through for us here in our dark little corner of jungle. With all the funding in place, we hired a BriBri solar electrical contractor in early October. In about two months, he and his crew installed a very large and professional solar electric system with large panels forming a walkway to our main house and battery system backup. Powered to meet not only our current needs but also our future plans, we are incredibly grateful to have this blessing and to finally turn on the lights!!



“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

- MATTHEW 5:14-16



# Thank You!

It goes without saying, but we want to say it anyway:

We could not do what we do without you. Each and every one of you has partnered with us in some way. In prayer, mission and service trips, finances, time and talent, and you are part of the amazing miracle that is The Nest.

So thank you. Thank you for praying, giving, encouraging, serving, and loving us so well. Thank you for believing in faith that God is at work here and telling others. The entire Nest team is eternally grateful.

