

Holy Spirit Prompting Saves Family From Costa Rican Earthquake

In the town of Valverde Vega Sarchí, Costa Rica, the people continue their lives in silence. A number of the town's families were affected by the earthquake disaster that took place on 5 September. Many of these people don't know how they will recover. They have many questions about the future, but the government seems to have no answers and gives no relief.

Valverde Vega Sarchí is filled with loneliness and sadness, but even amidst the sadness are a few lingering smiles. Hope can be found in the hearts of Don Ricardo and his wife, among others, who survived the earthquake by God's grace. Their household is now cultivating a seed of encouragement.

"I was setting up a ladder to climb to the roof. At that very moment my wife called me," Ricardo recalled. With tears in his eyes, he showed team members of OM Costa Rica his house, destroyed by the 7.9 earthquake.

"Minutes later I walked into my house and it started to move around out of control, the only thing I thought about was my wife and my son," he said. "I was trying to force the door, but I was completely pressed against the wall. Seconds later the ground began to open. A large hole opened and closed in my living room floor. God did not allow me to climb that ladder, because if I had I would've been dead today. Definitely, I have another chance, but I feel that this is not my home anymore."

It was very moving for the OM Costa Rica team to hear these people open their hearts and share their memories of panic and helplessness.

“We firmly believe that God will bring the peace that this devastated town needs,” said a team member. “We trust that the necessary resources will reach each one of these people. Thank you to every person who has taken the time to pray for Costa Rica at this time of national grief. Please continue to pray that God would use this catastrophe for good by transforming lives in the town of Sarchi.”