

COSTA RICA

My journey to YWAM, San Jose - by Jenny Hood

First of all a huge thank you to those who have supported me so far whether it be through references, finances or prayer. I feel that I have worked out now that God has put on my life to become a full time missionary!

For those who don't know, I have spent the past few years serving and studying in various different areas of Christian work. In April 2017 I left my full time job in health care, gave up my flat and embarked on a journey to start working in full time missions. In May of 2017 I went to Redding, California to complete a discipleship training school with Youth With A Mission (YWAM).

YWAM is a global organisation that trains and equips young people (and some older ones as I was at the time, age 32...) to go out to the nations and bring the good news of the gospel and practical aid (such as homes of hope - <https://www.ywamhomesofhope.org/>) to many people from all walks of life.

I then felt God leading me to a leadership school in Spain called Generation 42 - <https://generation42.org/> During this school I did some work with a YWAM base in Torremelinos (YWAM North Africa) where I helped lead worship and took a mission trip to Morocco working with some fellow YWAMers there.

Following this, I served a period at Lee Abbey, a Christian retreat centre in North Devon. My role was working on the bookings team and helping with the worship. Following their closure due to Covid-19 I then returned home but I continued to feel God's call on my life to return to California and complete a school at Bethel called BSSM. And now I am finally here at YWAM San Jose in Costa Rica where I plan to be staying and serving for a while until God moves me on! Phew! I am going to be staffing the next Discipleship Training School - <https://www.ywamsj.org/> This is the same school that I did at the beginning of my journey and comprises of several different themed weeks including inner healing, theology and learning how to share the gospel in different languages, in my case, French. However, the main language in Latin America is Spanish which I am slowly getting to grips with!

I am very excited to be staffing the school and discipling young people and will need lots of prayer for this as we will be doing an outreach in Nicoya which is an indigenous community in northern Costa Rica. Many people are coming to know Jesus in this region, especially youth and young adults through the local missionaries working there. I am planning on staying with YWAM for at least the next year and am currently living off my savings but I'm not sure how long this will last! I believe that God will support me through this journey and that He has called me to the mission field. If you feel led to support me in any way, I would very much appreciate it as both prayer and long term finances are needed.

I would greatly value prayer for wisdom and courage as I have felt God's call and chosen to lay my life down and become a full time missionary which for me is a huge step of faith and surrender. I do have a just giving page (https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/jenny-hood?utm_term=A2E5KgYMJ) if you feel led to support my work financially in any way.

“Hasta luego” (See you later!) “Dios te bendiga” (God bless you!)

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