


# AMCA

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## Christmas Greetings from the Board

**Amy Roza - President**

As I look back on the year and all that God has done in and through AMCA, I am filled with gratitude. Thank you to all of our staff and volunteers who work daily to ensure that everything runs smoothly. Thank you to the Board, who spend countless hours reviewing and improving day-to-day operations and finances. Thank you to the members of the Asamblea for your support at this year's meeting and for faithfully keeping us in your prayers.

To the parents of our youth, thank you for trusting us each week with your children and allowing us to be part of discipling them. To all of our supporters, we truly value each of you. Please continue to keep AMCA in your prayers in the coming year, that we would remain led by God and give Him all the glory.

It has been my privilege to serve on the Board and to work directly with our staff and volunteers at Camp, the House, and as a youth group leader. This year, the Board has been very active in strengthening communication, including the launch of our new website and quarterly newsletter. We have worked closely with John at Camp, Mike at IYG, and Xinia at the House to ensure that our mission is being fulfilled and that each location is well cared for.

This has been a year of much growth for AMCA. My heart is full of gratitude to God for all His blessings upon us this year, and I am praying for His wisdom and continued blessings as we look toward 2026.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,  
Amy Roza

Al mirar atrás al año y a todo lo que Dios ha hecho en y a través de AMCA, mi corazón está lleno de gratitud. Gracias a todo el personal y a los voluntarios que trabajan diariamente para que todo funcione de la mejor manera. Gracias a la Junta Directiva, que dedica incontables horas a revisar y mejorar las operaciones diarias y las finanzas. Gracias a los miembros de la Asamblea por su apoyo durante la reunión de este año y por mantenernos fielmente en sus oraciones.

A los padres de nuestros jóvenes, gracias por confiar en nosotros cada semana a sus hijos y por permitirnos ser parte de su discipulado. A todos nuestros colaboradores y patrocinadores, los valoramos profundamente a cada uno de ustedes. Les pedimos que continúen manteniendo a AMCA en sus oraciones en el año venidero, para que sigamos siendo guiados por Dios y que toda la gloria sea siempre para Él.

Ha sido un privilegio para mí servir en la Junta Directiva y trabajar directamente con nuestro personal y voluntarios en el Campamento, la Casa y como líder de grupo juvenil. Este año, la Junta ha estado muy activa en el fortalecimiento de la comunicación, incluyendo el lanzamiento de nuestro nuevo sitio web y nuestro boletín trimestral. Hemos trabajado de la mano con John en el Campamento, Mike en IYG y Xinia en la Casa para asegurar que nuestra misión se esté cumpliendo y que cada una de nuestras sedes se encuentre en buenas condiciones.

Este ha sido un año de mucho crecimiento para AMCA. Mi corazón está lleno de gratitud a Dios por todas Sus bendiciones derramadas sobre nosotros durante este año, y oro por Su sabiduría y Sus bendiciones al mirar hacia el 2026.

¡Feliz Navidad y Próspero Año Nuevo! 🎄🌟

Amy Roza



# Youth Group

## Mike Parsons - Youth Director

### AMCA Christmas Banquet:

#### A Beautiful Close to the Semester

This year's AMCA Christmas Banquet was entirely student leader-planned and student leader-led, and it was incredible to watch them step fully into that responsibility. My role was simply to walk alongside them, encourage them, and give them the space to lead—and they truly did an amazing job.

The students chose a theme for the Banquet and called it "A Classic Christmas," inspired by the early 1800s. Many dressed the part, embracing the old-school feel, and several of our student leaders even took on acting roles throughout the evening, bringing creativity, humor, and joy to the night.

The banquet was a beautiful way to close the AMCA semester. We celebrated together—dancing, laughing, and enjoying the beauty of Christmas and the gift of community. As the night came to an end, I caught myself, just sitting quietly and looking around being thankful for the moment. As everyone heads into the holidays, please keep them in your prayers and pray for safety, rest, and joy for each and everyone of them, and for God to bless them with a wonderful and meaningful new year. We love y'all and thank you so much for your prayers and support! - Mike



## Retiring Board Secretary

Sarah Roberston was secretary of the board 2016-2019 and 2023-2025. She and Jonathan worked alongside Jon and Maggie hunter with the IYG from 2015-2019 and helping out when needed after that till 2024 when they became empty nesters.



IYG was an integral part of ministering to their children while they were here. They have also participated in various Bible studies and prayer meetings at the AMCA house. The Robertsons were raised on the mission fields of Mexico and Spain. They came with their three children to Costa Rica in Jan 2010 to work with a team in church planting. They helped plant a church and in a revitalization of a second church in Tres Rios. In 2015 they moved to Sabanilla and planted a church which they turned over to a national pastor in 2025. They are now moving to Heredia to help in another young church in church growth, leadership training, and multiplication efforts.

Their oldest daughter is now married and living in Spain teaching in a missionary school and just had a baby! Ruthie is finishing up her degree and will graduate in May. Andrew is a sophomore and is preparing to be a pilot.

Thank you for your time and dedication, may God continue to bless your life.



# CAMPA LA CUMBRE

John Grant - Camp Director



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Cerramos el año con el último club de niños y despedimos a 4 niños que pasan a la etapa de colegio y dejar de asistir al Club.

We closed the year with the final kids' club and said goodbye to four children who are moving on to the next stage—starting school—and will no longer attend the Club.



Participo de un Simposio sobre campamentos en el TEC donde tuve la oportunidad de dar una Charla sobre gestión de Campamentos.

Logré exponer las vivencias y experiencias que se viven en Campa La Cumbre

I participated in a Camp Symposium at TEC, where I had the opportunity to give a talk on camp management. I was able to share the experiences and lived realities of Campa La Cumbre.



## CASA AMCA

Quiero expresar mi más profundo agradecimiento a cada grupo y a cada persona que nos visitó durante este año, así como a la junta directiva, compañeros y, de manera muy especial, a nuestros donantes por su valioso apoyo y compañía en este 2025. Cada gesto, cada aporte y cada muestra de confianza hicieron una gran diferencia, permitiendo que nuestros esfuerzos llegaran más lejos y que pudiéramos seguir avanzando en el cumplimiento de nuestra misión. Mi oración es que Dios siga utilizando a AMCA como un puente para que muchas personas lo conozcan en este nuevo año 2026, y que Su misericordia no se aparte de AMCA ni de las vidas que formamos parte de este ministerio. Gracias infinitas por su apoyo y por ser parte esencial de esta obra.

¡Feliz Año Nuevo! Xinia

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to every group and every individual who visited us this year, as well as to the Board of Directors, colleagues, and—very especially—to our donors for their valuable support and companionship throughout 2025.

Every gesture, every contribution, and every expression of trust made a meaningful difference, allowing our efforts to reach further and enabling us to continue moving forward in fulfilling our mission. My prayer is that God will continue using AMCA as a bridge for many people to come to know Him in this new year, 2026, and that His mercy will not depart from AMCA nor from the lives of those of us who are part of this ministry.

Infinite thanks for your support and for being an essential part of this work.

Happy New Year!

Xinia

# Reflections of AMCA

**Donnie Conger**



**Grateful for AMCA and the Ministry Shaping Missionary Kids in Costa Rica**

On our recent trip to Costa Rica, myself and a few of our Seniors in our student ministry had the privilege of spending time with the incredible students and leaders of AMCA at their Fall Camp. I left deeply grateful—not only for their ministry, but for the way God is using it to anchor and shape the lives of missionary kids navigating the unique challenges of cross-cultural living. These students often stand at the intersection of two worlds, carrying stories, expectations, and pressures most of us will never fully see. AMCA is meeting them right there with support, community, and Christlike love.

One of the most inspiring things about their student ministry is how much they genuinely need each other. God has woven together a community where students aren't just attending the same group—they are investing in one another, walking together, lifting each other up, and living out a faith that's resilient. When camp needed to look different this year, they stepped up and stepped in to the moment. That same love and unity overflowed onto our youth group. Their openness, joy, and spiritual depth inspired us in ways we're still talking about.

I'm so grateful for Michael Parsons and his team of adult leaders. Their authentic love for students reflects the heart of Jesus, and it's changing lives—both in Costa Rica and in anyone blessed enough to cross their path. As we brought students from our student ministry, our time with AMCA reminded us of the power of intentional ministry and the beauty of the global church. I'm so thankful for their work and heart. They love like they have been first loved by Jesus

**Thank you Mrs Ana Chaves!!**

*Thank  
You*

Ana joined the board as an interim secretary this year and we are very grateful for her service. Thank you so much Ana for your time, knowledge and prayers. We are grateful! May God continue to bless you and your family.



# Join us as we pray for AMCA

The new board  
including new members:  
Colleen Moloney  
Carlos Hernández



The IYG kids that are leaving Costa  
Rica and relocating

For Mike, Xinia, John and Monse

## THANK YOU ANDY & SHONA

They moved to Costa Rica in 2018 and discovered AMCA Youth while Shona was attending language school. Their children initially struggled to make friends, but everything changed after their first campout, returning home full of excitement and stories to share. Elias was too young for youth group, so Shona helped lead the Bible Drill for pre-teens, and AMCA soon became an important part of their family's life.

In 2020, Craig and Shelly Rice invited them to join the AMCA Association. What began as gratitude for the ministry quickly grew into deeper involvement, including Board service, where he served as Vice President from 2020 to 2025.

It was a privilege to support AMCA during a season of transition, including helping recruit Mike Parsons and several current board members.

In January 2025, the family returned to New Zealand and is now settled in Christchurch. Aliana is studying law, Jashaiah is beginning Health Science at university, and Elias is in school. Jashaiah was baptized at La Cumbre, and Elias hopes to return for Easter Camp.

We thank you so much Andy for your time on the board. Your dedication and commitment to AMCA is a true blessing and we hope and pray that the Lord Continues to bless you and the work you do in His service.

Shona thank you for your service as a youth leader and helper of Tuck Shop! Praying God will continue to use you and your gifts in New Zealand. Blessings on you and your family.



**"I cannot emphasize enough how grateful we are to AMCA ministry, youth, camp and house." Andy Miller**

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