

## Costa Rica - We went to Cartago with a great deal of the Catholic population

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On August 1st we walked ten miles to Cartago with a great deal of the Catholic population as a condition of indemnity for a new start for the year in Costa Rica. The Costa Ricans do it as a promise of faith and as conditions for the return of health to relatives. The church of the patron saint of Costa Rica, the Virgin of Los Angeles, is in Cartago and she has been a mediator between the Costa Ricans and Heavenly Father. Because of her many miracles this Virgin was given the title of national patron saint.

On the 31st of July a big blaze destroyed one of the biggest department stores in Costa Rica, costing thousands of dollars worth of damage and putting hundreds out of work. Seventy-four years ago the same company also suffered greatly in a blaze. They say the owner is a very good man and that the relations between the owner and workers are like that of a family. Many of the employees are part-owners. Perhaps the fire was Heavenly Father's effort to hit the hearts of the Costa Rican people to separate them from Satan.