

Summer's new look...

In our last update, I'd written about our hopes to be able to take Michael and Daniel on a work trip to help out other missionary friends of ours. Unfortunately, those plans crumbled in the last few days before we were to leave. The Lord knows.

Rather than going on a work trip, we started a work project right here on our support base; doing some much-needed renovation on what has traditionally used as our teen lounge for the missionary kids.

We had a lot of fun working alongside 15-20 teens at various times and we saw the Lord's protection as one of them was severely electrocuted and is fortunate to be alive. This certainly made the broken hand (by someone trying to punch through the rotten wall) and cut to the forehead by jagged plywood seem minor!









A remnant...

Since we weren't able to go on the work trip, I took the first 10 days in June to go back to our village. We had a productive time working on more Scripture proof reading. Unfortunately, though, a lot of time was also spent trying to help a couple of our brothers and sisters-in-Christ reconcile their relationship. We're still not there yet, but there is hope.

We had asking for prayer leading up to the national election as it always seems to take a toll on the church. This time around has been no different, though **there are glimmers of hope**.

As the Lord foretold of the disobedience and destruction of Israel, his devastating words to Isaiah were also seasoned with hope. "I will preserve a remnant..." he said. Though many sheep have gone astray during this time saying that they'll come back once the election is over, God has preserved a remnant of faithful men and women. About 10 men and women are continuing to gather on Sundays for worship and Bible teaching. About 4 women are meeting every Thursday night. They sing, pray, and have a Bible study time and then they sleep at the church.

We are proud of these faithful few. We are excited for them! Then we question what about the others? Have we failed in some way to show them how glorious the God is that they claim to believe in that they would so easily, knowingly, turn their backs on him and say that they'll come back when it's convenient for them--when the worldly wealth that is freely available to them at this political time has dried up? Yet in our heart-of-hearts we know message proclaimed to them was no different than that which was proclaimed to the others.

- Please join us in praying that the Lord would unveil their eyes so that they would see and experience the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward them in Christ Jesus (Eph 2:7) and the riches of his Glory (Rom 9:23).
- Pray also for the remnant to be a beakon of light and that they would grow in wisdom and understanding.

I asked one of our Bible teachers specifically about a woman in the church and his words were an encouragement to my heart. "I have really seen the Holy Spirit working in her life," he said. "Many of the things she was doing before and being divisive, she's not doing that anymore, and she's even apologized to me for some of the things she's done before." There IS hope!



Stephen (one of our Bible teachers) and his daughter Ana play guitar for Sunday worship

Back to school (with a twist)...

Our kids will be starting school again on Monday. But this year, it isn't just the kids who will be starting school. Due to some logistical challenges with getting all our teachers back on the ground before the beginning of the school year, Robyn will be co-teaching 6th grade with another mom for the first 8 weeks. Please pray for these ladies as they take on this roll and bloom where they're planted.

It's (almost) here!!!

Do you remember that vehicle you were so diligently praying for and helping to raise funds for??? Well, after placing the order for it in January, it is finally ready for pick-up. I will be headed down to one of our port cities later this week to pick it up. PLEASE PRAY!! As the election results are being announced throughout the country this isn't the best time to drive through some areas. Unrest pops up without notice. Some places have roadblocks, others have fighting, and some...well, they have both! Please pray for an uneventful trip to pick up this vehicle.

Thank you again for your love, encouragement, and support.

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