Feed My Lambs International

Dear loved ones,

And then the reinforcements showed UP and showed out! Rod and I were getting weary, we accepted that the flight for the team March 2023

was delayed a day due to a severe winter storm in the northland...we just hoped the mission wouldn't get cancelled altogether. Then they made it to Cuernavaca.

We framed, put an insulation sound barrier, sheet rocked, taped (not mudded, I learned mudding's for hackers, taping is professional :), primed most, and painted some of 180 feet of 10' interior walls that include 6 nice big bedrooms on the 2nd floor of our Children's Home *Miracle of Life*. We also put in some closet shelving and we expanded the dining area by deconstructing a temporary bedroom, and we put up forms for the stairway to the 3rd floor roof access, and got the stairway ready to close up by pouring the 7 columns and beam all around (forms pictured right!) thereby getting the rooftop over the stairwell ready to close up as well! The guys also hoisted up the 800 block (not brick, Mike) we'll need for the half wall that's now getting laid all around the 3rd floor roof. They did most of the block hoisting before sunrise and the heat of the day. It was an orchestra of work we were able to be involved in together.

We worked and we laughed. Together. Nobody tried to play their own tune and I think the beauty of those days has left us all a little in awe. There was oneness, and the incredible sounds of this mission now echo into eternity.

"...that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me."

-John 17:21

The venue had to be ready. What it took Pastor Chayo and our crew in Cuernavaca to get the site ready for this concert was an effort that took the last 6 months. And it took wonderful funding on your part. Timely giving came in as the general fund was emptied in preparation. And the windows were built and installed as we awaited the team! Some more monies came in to allow for the continued trips to Home Depot as the team poured themselves out.

OH, sing to the Lord a new song! For He has done marvelous things... Let the sea roar, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell in it;

Let the rivers clap their hands;

Let the hills be joyful together before the Lord...and let the hammers pound, the drills and the roto zip break through, the shovel chuck and the pully wind along with the singing birds of the morning...

These dirty dozen have been made clean. New. For Glory. And isn't it a marvelous thing to behold.

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One of the extraordinary efforts to get the venue ready was made by Victor (pictured front upper left). He laid all the floor tile we needed to have done before the team arrived. He worked double shifts and sometimes through the night and he did it with a maimed arm that he broke some 9 months ago in a construction fall. He cannot afford the surgery to fix it. So he favors it continually and works in pain. We will help. Victor openly wept when we told him we will do all we can. Please pray for Victor and for us as we try to intercede medically and carefully. And as we attempt to reflect and introduce Victor to the Healer of souls and the only One that can make him, or anyone else, truly whole.

We can see the completion of the 2nd floor within our grasp now, monies will need to continue coming in for our now 3-man crew (pictured below are Victor, Edu, and Felipe along with Rod and me) over the next 6 months or so. I plan to return in June, hopefully with some help. We will go down to set doors, trim, run electrical etc...

Our facility will have room for growth. We will continue to carry the load for some kids! We'll help them move forward in this race right Dale? (see pic on right)

Hey Josh, anybody with your attitude gets his picture right smack dab in the center! Rock on!

Gentlemen, you played beautifully. It was a pleasure to have you in Mexico.



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Praise report/ prayer requests:

In Cuernavaca...please pray for the aforementioned crew. Pray that Victor and Felipe would come to know the Lord and that Edu continues to grow in his faith.



Pray for their safety in these coming months. Edu survived a hard fall recently at our site. For Pastor Chayo and Betty and of course the children. Four just recently left us, returning to homes that they didn't want to go back to. Also, we are still in contact with little Tony and his family. His mom needs prayer for her drug addic-





tion. God, help us be Light.

April 5th-14th

We have guest speakers Jeff and Diane Wright coming down from Minnesota. We'll have our Good Friday Service and Teen Camp at our Center, as well as visit a couple churches. These efforts need a lot of preparation.

June Mission to Cuernavaca.

July 24th– 29th

Preaching at the Teens For Christ camp week in WI. Please pray for this preparation as well. There are many messages and I want to be a blessing.

The hugs from the kids help fill my tank. If I get out to the dining room early enough, they come out quietly in the morning. Each hug reminds me that every effort for their wellbeing is worth it.

Thank you to all of you that help make this ministry possible. God bless you and keep you.





Keep smiling. And love from, Gary and Minnie and Sophia, along with all your family in Mexico.