

Feed My Lambs International

But for the grace of God, there go I.

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Dear loved ones,

It was 25 years ago. I was working as an electrician in Wisconsin. Working was just a means to an end. Money for drinking and trying to live my version of the American Dream. I lived for me, or so I thought. Doing whatever I thought I wanted to do. Working about 35 hours a week was all I wanted, it was enough to continue to get wasted every weekend and many week days as well. I worked hard when I was on the job, but that was my only endearing quality. I couldn't wait to get done, and always looked to quit early. Most times to hurry to the bar. Little did I know that I was not only getting wasted, but *being* wasted. Having bought into the Devil's bait, hook, line, and sinker. Sinking ever faster as Jonah sank in his rebellion. I was dying.

But God had prepared my Salvation. And on July 19th, 1998, He grabbed my hand and pulled me up.

On this recent trip to Cuernavaca, the electrical tool belt came back on yet again and I had my work cut out for me; 10 days to get the 2nd floor of the Children's Home lit up and ready for occupancy. It didn't go well. Slow, hard, aggravating, irritating are the first words that come to mind. It was approximately 120+ hours in 10 days. 16 people, 8 children buzzing around the site. I forgot one very needed tool in Monterrey and broke another in Cuernavaca. Constant noise, interruptions, etc... not your typical job site to say the least! As I was working at 3am to get 'er done, I couldn't help but think of those 35 hour weeks, because that's about what I put in the last 2 days! Sure, I was desperate to be done, but not because I was desperate to go to the bar. Motivations have been transformed.

If God should send a child in need, his room will be ready. That child will have a place to be. He won't know what it took to turn his light on, or all who pray and give in every way to make his home possible, he doesn't need to. What he does need to know is that our hands are there to grab him, hold him and keep him safe. So far, our home has given 11 children that place to be. They come and go as the government, and ultimately God, deem. It's hard when they go. They always want to come back. Right now, there are 4 little ones living on site and we are prepared for more.

Please pray for them and the next ones that God will send to our *Miracle of Life* Children's Home. And yes, it certainly is.

"I called out to the LORD, out of my distress, and he answered me; out of the belly of Shoel I cried, and you heard my voice." -Jonah

And so, 6 bedrooms and 4 bathrooms later, 25 lights, 10 fan lights, a few thousand feet of wire, with plenty of jackhammering and chiseling, troubleshooting and 2 sore hands and a couple temper tantrums, we lit it up! Mission accomplished. One light for each year of sobriety!

And One Light of the world. Thank you Lord Jesus.



Pictured is one of the kids 2nd floor bedrooms and the 2nd floor living room. I'm pictured next to all the lines from the 2nd floor going down to the main panel.

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Praise report/ prayer requests:

Pray for the family of Beto in the region we minister in Guerrero. The young man was found murdered. Beto came to visit me the last time we were down, to tell me he had become a Christian. We worshipped together for a couple hours after service that night. Beto's uncle told me that he's part of our fruit!

We have had 4 specialists look at Victor's arm. It appears that the risk is too great to operate on his arm. In the mean time, we have kept Victor busy! He's an extremely skilled carpenter. Victor is the one up on the scaffolding doing the difficult finishing cement and stucco coats. He thanks us for the work and for caring about him. My favorite moment this last mission was praying with him.

Two of my main concerns are represented in these photos. One concern is to get that high, dangerous work completed, thereby helping my 2nd concern. That's the safety of the children on this work site. If you look closely in the picture above, the children are playing in the corner, just to the left of the scaffolding. The back of the facility is also pictured, along with a birthday celebration in front with the scaffolding as a backdrop. We'd like to keep this going and get that exterior work done so we can, finally, contain the work site better...we'll need about \$5,000-\$7,000 to finish the stucco work.

Also pictured below left is our friend Mary. She's recently widowed and just loves helping us on our missions to Cuernavaca.



In Los Canelos, Minnie stayed back, needing to take care of yet a couple more steps in the paperwork processes... As Sophia and Daddy took off to Cuernavaca along with Sam, Rod, grandchildren Pedro, Choco, and Victoria. Minnie enjoyed the mommy break!

July 23rd Preaching at East Lincoln in Amery, WI

July 24th- 29th

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

Thanks Brother Rod! Rod continued on with the finish carpenter work; painting, sanding, touch-up etc... while I wrestling my electrical projects. He did a great job and also made a super sounding board (insert smile here).

Thank you all for your care of us. God bless you and keep you.

Truly, the best is yet to come.



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



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