
One Month, Working Double Time!

This Month Alone!

This month we have been so busy that we have been working double time trying to get everything accomplished we had planned. That means very often we worked 14 to 16 hour days as we tried to keep up with the commitments. We had two camp events almost every single week. We had a school bringing kids during the week then a church used the camp on the weekends. Once again we had a camp with over 120 campers and 10 adult leaders. With the kitchen staff and other helpers we had 140 people present on the grounds for that event! Since we do not have that many beds, many of the campers were sleeping in tents. The camp use has been very heavy this year and we are rapidly closing in on a total of 3,000 campers using the camp this year, alone. This makes our camp one of the very most efficient in cost per camper and the use of space available compared to any camp in our brotherhood!



Taking a Deep Dive!

I have begun to include scuba diving demonstrations and explanations for the young people who attend camp. The youth here have seldom seen any scuba equipment and it's a great attention getter. I'm using my hobbies to serve the Lord in ministry rather than just being used for personal relaxation. I use this not only as an extreme sport to interest the young people but also as a means of emphasizing the greatness of our Lord and the amazing creation He has given to us! The vastness of the ocean and the immense varieties and colors of tropical fish are astounding!



Time to Camp!

At the same time we were hosting the camps, we also hosted two different Hasten International Medical Mission health brigades. We have trained facilitators we leave in charge of the camp as we head out to an impoverished section of Villavicencio or some nearby village to serve the less fortunate in medical care. One of those was special as we had some special visitors to observe that brigade!



Hasten and Chasin'

During that week, Pete Conkle and Mark Stroud, two members of the board for Hasten International Medical Mission, came down to visit the work and help us as we are setting up the Hasten foundation here in Colombia. We held a health brigade while they were here so we could see how the work progresses and how we do the Hasten work here in Colombia. They held meetings with the physicians and dentists and then with the support personal to make sure we are all in a full understanding of how the work should be done, serving people's needs as well as sharing the Gospel with each and every person who comes in for help. While they were at the camp we had two different groups making use of the facilities, so they got to see how we mesh the Hasten work with the church camp and other ministries. We took them to Bogota to see them off after a week of intense but very productive work and sharing as we organize to serve even more effectively.



A Preacher's Reach!

Along with this I preached in a different church every single weekend of the month. The Lord has blessed me with an excellent reputation for solid Biblical teaching and a clear focus on the needs of married couples and their families. I have more requests for speaking engagements than there are weekends in the month! But it is a blessing to share with so many and be able to preach the Gospel in so many different congregations. One special need we have observed is that many churches do not regularly celebrate the Lord's supper as they cannot get the communion sets. That makes the serving of the communion a difficult task as they must use regular cups and large trays. If your church be willing to donate new communion sets, or if the church has old unused communion sets you could donate to us, we will make sure those sets are placed back into use and you will enable churches in Colombia to more easily fulfill the Biblical example of a weekly celebration of the Lord's Supper.



Cramp Quarters!

With that we began to make plans for finishing the fourth cabin, which has become a desperate need. More and more often camp groups are passing the one hundred mark and yet we only have 70 beds. Finishing that last cabin will give us an additional 16 to 20 beds and come close to providing sleeping quarters for the numbers of campers that we are often having show up for camp. The cabin will cost a total of \$12,000 to finish with that being done in three stages, each costing about \$4,000 each. For the first stage we will need to lay the tile floors. Then, second we will need to tile the bathrooms and kitchen and install the appliances. Finally, the verandas and the beds will be installed so as to finish the project. If you can help us with any part of this project you will bless many hundreds of students that will use the camp over the coming years.





Date in the States

After all of that activity, my wife and I left the camp in the charge of the people we are training to run the camp and we flew up to the States on the 3rd of September So as to be available for speaking dates this fall. We currently have the entire month of September and the first two weeks in October booked up. But I will be available for the rest of the fall and the first two weeks in December as well. If your church would like to have me come and present the work, please message me and we can set up a date.



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