
One Full Month Here in the States!

Time Flies!

The time has flown by as we have been very busy as always when here in the States. For my very first Sunday and the reason I came back a bit earlier than planned was to speak at the Faith Promise rally at the Forest Dale Church of Christ the very first Sunday in September. It was a real joy to share with these dear brethren who have supported the work in Colombia for more than forty years now. I gave an update in the Sunday School hour, then preached for the faith promise during the worship service using the selected text of Isaiah 6:8 where the Lord asks whom shall I send and who will go for us? And Isaiah boldly answers, "Here I am Lord, send me!" Both Isaiah's boldness and eloquence continue to inspire us to this very day! After the service, the missions committee members invited us out to lunch and took us to Skyline Chili, of course! It was a very enjoyable weekend shared with dear brothers and sisters in the Lord.



Scholarships Thrive

That week we worked the entire week to get the end of year forms for the students who have scholarships supported by many of you ready to mail out. These forms include a receipt signed by the parents so that those of you who support a child can be confident that the entire donation you send is then given to that child for his or her studies. We mailed those forms out near the end of the week and if you supported a student, you should have received your form, thank you note, and a drawing from your student. If you supported a student and did not receive a form, please let me know as soon as possible so we can correct any mistakes. We had to rebuild the program from scratch and that has resulted in some confusion. But now we think we are back up to speed and functioning correctly. We are thankful for those of you who quickly and so generously agreed to sponsor a child!



Finding the Level

Then for the remaining three weeks in September I had volunteered to help out the Chestnut Level Christian Church as they were without a minister. Unfortunately, I only had three weeks available to give them, but I was happy to help them in that small way as they searched for a new minister. The first Sunday we drove down, and I began a three-week sermon series on the why and how to evangelize and win new people to the Lord. I tried to encourage them to think and plan for growth and to use this time to strengthen their current members in their abilities to reach out and win new people to the Lord and so strengthen the congregation.



Nohelly and I

Then Wednesday of that week I took my wife to South Carolina where she was invited to attend and speak at an international women's conference for the Hispanic churches here in the States and for visitors from eight different Latin American countries. I drove her down and dropped her off then returned that same day for nearly 20 hours of driving. Needless to say, I returned home exhausted but thankful that the Lord had given us an uneventful trip. I prepared my sermon and did some chores around the house. Then on Sunday I headed back to Chestnut Level for my second Sunday. The church hosted a hot dog roast after the morning service and once that was over I took off for South Carolina to pick my wife up after her conference. I arrived at the minister's home about eight that evening and spent the night. The next morning Nohelly and I drove back home here to Rittman. We arrived at about four that afternoon to relax a bit and recover from the trip.





Colombia Faith Flourishes!

We used the time that week to do the accounting and send out receipts for those of you who so generously partnered with us in this amazing ministry that the Lord is doing in Colombia and in which He has blessed us by allowing us to be a part of the great things He is doing there. We are also blessed by those of you who blessed us by choosing to partner with us in that ministry through your prayers and your regular support. We could not do what we are doing without your prayers, help, and support. Thank you once again. If you do not currently support this work, why not decide now to become a part of this work by committing to sending a regular monthly support check and in doing so, become a partner in the work in Colombia!



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