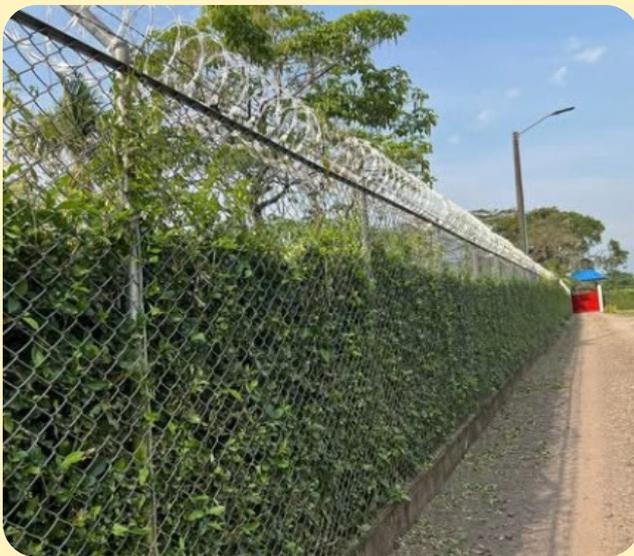


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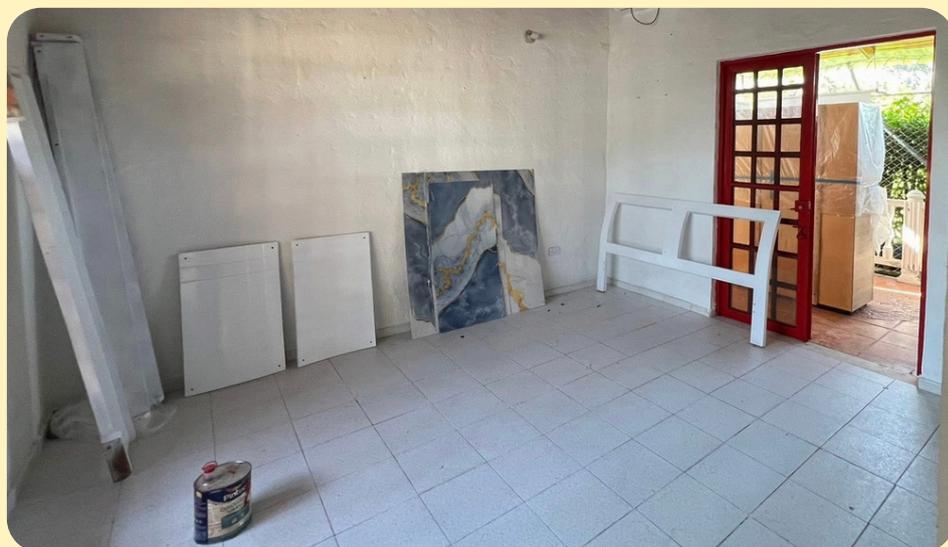
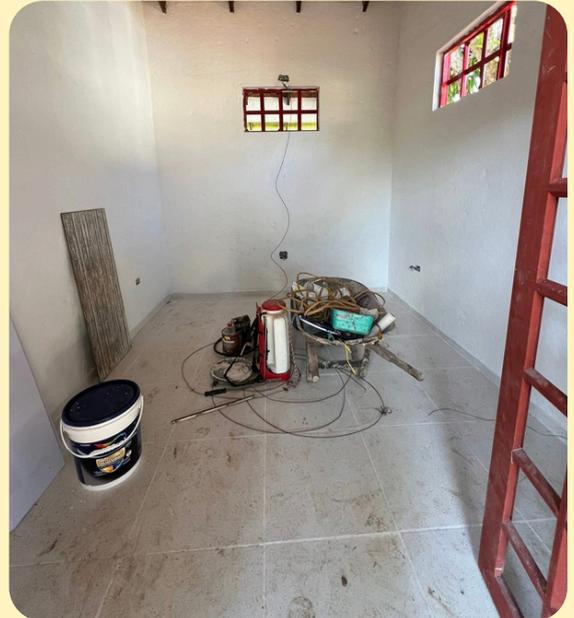
As we exit the month of February and begin the month of March, there in the northern part of the United States you are beginning to look forward to Springtime and warmer weather. Here in Colombia we are in the peak months of our hot dry season. Temperatures are in the nineties and rains are a rare event. But we need to be doing the standard maintenance such as cutting the grass and trimming the pricker bush hedge that provides security to the camp property. We are also working hard to finish up the construction and maintenance projects to the buildings here at the camp as we preparing to begin this year's camp season. We have delayed getting started to finish up the building and clean up the camp grounds.



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Construction

The new septic system is now in and fully covered up. We are working on doing some painting and on finishing up the small office addition to the cabin my wife and I will occupy as our residence here at the camp. Hopefully this week all will be finished and we will be able to have campers without the risks of building materials and power tools scattered around and workers bustling about as they finish up their tasks. We are very close now and so have informed the churches and Christian schools that they can book dates and schedule events. They are as excited as we are to begin using the facilities once again and sharing the Good News in our Lord's great creation!



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Education

Also, as the school year has begin, we are confirming the scholarship grants to students returning from last year. As always, we make every attempt to sustain a scholarship through our child sponsorship program as long as that student continues his or her education. When a child's family moves out of the area or for some other reason may take their child out of school, we then offer that scholarship to another needy student. To those of you who so generously sponsored a student last year, you can send in your monthly or the full year contribution at any time as we have begun paying the schools their monthly tuition charges already. We are working this week and in the coming weeks to get all of the information ready for the forms so as to have that information ready to send you in April or early May at the latest.



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US dollar

This year has been a difficult one as the US dollar has lost significant value in the exchange rate and so we are paying somewhere in the area of 25% to 40% more for everything we purchase and for the expenses here at the camp such as salaries and wages. We survive only through your generosity and love offerings and in this difficult year we depend on you even more than usual. We are honored to be given the privilege by the Lord of serving in this amazing ministry and we are honored to share in that privilege with you as our supporters and partners in ministry. Thank you to all who support this incredible work on a regular basis, either through your church or individually. The Lord will bless you for your faithfulness as you bless us and the recipients of the blessings of this ministry here in Colombia!



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Help Us?

One example of how you could partner with us here at the camp is in the maintenance of the security hedge. One year ago we were paying about \$100 monthly for the trimming and maintenance. With the devaluing dollar we are now paying an average of \$160.00! This hedge is a necessity for security here at the camp, along with the burglar fence. In Latin America robbery is such a common occurrence that all houses have iron bars on their windows and doors. Here at the camp we have been robbed twice, the last time being an armed robbery where those at the camp had their lives threatened. In order to provide a reasonable security for all who use the camp, we now have a thick pricker bush hedge backed up by a seven foot high chain link fence topped with razor wire. This week we had the workers trimming the security hedge to keep it thick and bushy so as to get maximum protection. In all things we trust the Lord and depend on Him, but we take all reasonable and necessary precautions to provide a safe and enjoyable experience for our staff and campers. You or your church could sponsor the security hedge and pay for the pruning and maintenance. In this way you would help provide a safe and peaceful environment for our campers and those of us who live here and manage the camp. Your love offerings and partnership in this amazing ministry makes this camp the safe and enjoyable place that it is!





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