

TIME WAITS FOR NO MISSIONARY

In the Interest of Time

Time continues to march by at the rapid pace as we rushed to get the camp ready for this camp season. We were still working away late the night before the first camp week as we strained to get all maintenance and upgrades finished. But praise the Lord, we were able to get things in order and have the cabins ready for overnight use. As always, we have had a few things pop up but we have been able to handle them all fairly quickly. Now the camp is back into use for overnight stays as well as day camps. This week we have had our first Christian school use as we have about 30 teenagers here for two days. Then later this week we have a larger group schedule to arrive. We now expect near constant use for the rest of this year.

Donors Make the Difference

The repairs, maintenance, and upgrades stretched us in many ways. One was the cost, which went well beyond what we were expecting, due to several unexpected and unforeseen occurrences, especially the code required upgrades to the septic tank that needed replaced. Thanks to one generous donor, we were able to get that project finished. Praise the Lord, now we have everything back into order. Our one remaining need is to replace one of our two pumps as it has fulfilled its life expectancy and given up the ghost. So we are praying the Good Lord provide us with the necessary funds to purchase one new pump. Perhaps the Lord will use you to fulfill this need here at the camp. One pump will serve for the meantime, but the risk is it will have problems when we have the camp full and we will have no backup.



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Covid Still Cuts the Budget

We are also still hoping to finish up the last cabin, which has been sitting under roof but lacking the floors, tile on the walls, and the kitchen and bathroom fixtures. Finishing that cabin will give us an additional 16 beds which are much needed. This project was delayed when the pandemic hit and we have simply not had the funds to finish this last cabin. We continue to pray and trust that the Lord will soon provide the needed funds to “tie the ribbons” on the camp project as far as construction is concerned. Perhaps the Lord will move you or your church to provide the funds to help us conclude this final, needed project here at the camp and then through you, bless many young people who will be blessed and strengthened in their Christian faith because of the time they spend here at the camp.



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We Hasten to Help Health

We have begun our Hasten International Health and Evangelism brigades once again and so spend several weekends each month serving the underprivileged areas of our city or by traveling to the outlying villages to serve the needy. We offer dental and medical help as well as counseling and sometimes veterinary and legal services as we have volunteers in those areas. We appreciate Hasten partnering with us so we can offer this valuable ministry and extend our evangelism into new areas through the services we provide.



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Birthday Boy (er ... Man)

On April 2nd, my wife celebrated my 75th birthday with a gathering of her entire family. She reminded me of how blessed I am with having her as my wife and along with her such a special group of people. They have truly received me into the family as a full member. They are faithful to the Lord and committed to serving Him, so I could not have married into a better family! Which brings me to my final point for the day...



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Match Made in Heaven

Finally, I want to give thanks to the Lord for blessing me with such an incredible helpmeet in my wife, Nohelly, for this stage of my life and ministry. Nohelly has been the engine for the projects here at the camp as she not only organizes the camp events and has handled much of the planning and programming for the maintenance upgrades and projects we have had moving forward this camp off season. She has incredible skills and an amazing work ethic as she is often doing accounting and paperwork late at night, long after the rest of us have hit the sack.



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Let God Be Praised!

Now, join me in praising the Lord and thanking Him for all of His blessings as this camp ministry and the other ministries that we carry on as we continue to serve the churches here in Colombia and strengthens the faith of so many young people. It is exciting to see the work the Lord is accomplishing through this amazing ministry and you and your church can be a part of it by lifting us up in prayer and by supporting this ministry with your love offerings.





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