



A Lesson In Faith...

Dear Friends,

Have you ever thought that you needed a lesson in faith? Believe it or not, after 24 years of serving in missions, we are still learning. Susa has been one of those lessons.



A new light in the darkness.

In January 2016 we started building a massive structure, a gymnasium designed to hold some 400 people for a church of some 70 members. Illogical, undoable, a failure waiting to happen you might say - true, but for God!!! Telling the whole story here is not doable, but God opened door after door and performed miracle after miracle!



And on Feb 22nd, we held the Gran Inauguration of the newly dubbed Father's House - Church & Community Centre. We had over 400 people in attendance!

It was a party! We had food, passionate worship, interventions by Pastors Stewart Hunter, Marvin Sinclair, Margaret Gibb, Marie Miller and others, but best of all was the attendance of some 180 people from Susa itself - more than double the usual Sunday attendance!



NOT your average work team - 8 ladies and 2 men from Pickering Pentecostal!

The Father's House is a dream. It is a place where we hope to hold many a worship service, but also play indoor soccer, basketball, hold workshops and invite the community to make it their own. Need a place to hold a meeting? Come to the Father's House. Blood donor clinic, municipal voting? A large wedding? Come to the Father's House!



Our friends from New Life, Brampton, ON - amazing servants!

While construction is ongoing, the participation of multiple outreach teams & donations from across North America have made reality of a simple vision given to our family.

The Gymnasium is finished, the 1st floor meeting rooms are built and the kitchen is in the process of being outfitted - all to serve a community that is already knocking on the door.



Above, the almost completed Sunday School (left) and beginning of the 2nd floor apartment & meeting rooms.

Jesus; meet your Lord Jesus!



For the folks from New Life, it wasn't enough to just build the church, **they had to help fill it too!** All week they shared God's love with our construction worker Jesus and at the end of the week they led him in the prayer of faith!

Teaching the Boys



A room at the Refuge, look familiar?

At the Refuge Boy's Home we have tried to make a Godly impact and we have seen the results in so many ways.

From the brink of permanent closure, the Refuge that was ranked #17 of the 17 area homes supervised by Colombian Social Services, has now moved up to #9 and is being used as an example for other institutions!

Sometimes you just need a hand up and someone who cares enough to reach out in tough times.



We can talk about the new roof, all of the other renovations that we have done or we can even talk about the boys attending church and being baptised, but one of the most touching things that I have seen with them is a simple mural.

Adorning one bedroom wall, in this semi-tropical country, is the painting of a winter scene from Canada - complete with snowmen, pine trees and frosty cabins. Warm rays of light project from illuminated windows, shining over the boy's beds; who in spite of being left alone by society, feel that dozens of people truly love them from afar and are caring for them in Jesus' name.



JP & his new Bible.

And the Teaching?

Well, last month we had a chat with the boys about faith; about how faith is like a seed that needs to be planted and that sometimes we need to take steps of faith so that God will open doors. One of the things that we want to see at the Refuge are two new dormitories. They will increase the home's capacity by about 15 beds and is part of an even bigger project that we will share about later.



So, having nothing but a dream to start with, we held a ground breaking ceremony and taught the boys about faith. We reflected on what God has already done at the Refuge and how we can use that to trust Him for bigger things - for the home and for themselves as they seek to succeed in life.

BTW, we had nothing, but that was then, we will be starting on the foundations next week!

Love In Christ,

♥ Darren, Patty, James & Darien ♥

Prayer Points!

- In May a team will be teaching a 1 week English intensive (ESL) using Bible based materials in a local school. Pray that all would run smoothly as this is a test run for future teams.

- For our family: health (emotional & physical), finances and that we would be able to rest amidst the chaos.

- for Darren's mother Phyllis and sister Brenda who continue to struggle with cancer and its related issues.

Just as Jesus had a group of people who sustained Him (Luke 8:1-3), we also depend on God's provision as expressed through the Body of Christ. *Please partner with us through your giving!*

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