



## Impossible Dreams?

Dear Friends,

Sometimes people ask us about our dreams. What is God speaking to you about? What are those projects that are only a dream, that seem too big to come true?

Some would think our biggest dreams are things like the Buena Vista Sunday School or the Refuge Boy's home and they are big dreams, but certainly not our most audacious.



Let's talk about the Father's House, no, not the FH Church & Community Centre in Susa, rather the Father's House Church (FHC) in Chiquinquirá, Susa's mother church.

We first met Pastor German (Herman) 9 years ago and we quickly fell in love with his 300 member church, one that was/is desperately in love with Jesus & Kingdom growth.

Our partnership quickly grew into multiple outreaches - into schools and parks, seminars, youth events and a long list of ministry to strengthen the church and reach the community.

But, one thing has left an ache in our hearts, even as we watched the church grow and begin to lead their own outreaches, **their lack of a permanent home.**

Like most Colombian churches, FHC and its Christian School are in a rented facilities. During Covid, that meant the closure of the school and almost the same for the church.



Purchasing land in an urban setting is a 300k MOUNTAIN for a church whose average member only makes \$350 a

month, but we are burdened and we believe in a God that moves mountains, open doors and does the indescribable.

Pastors German & Isabel dream of their own church campus, for a resurrected Christian School and a family of ministries to reach their city for Christ. So, what do we do now?

We dream, pray & share the vision, believing in the Promise Giver, whatever the outcome. Will you believe with us?

## Project Refuge



**We have a new addition!** To the project that is! Project Refuge is the expansion of the Refuge Boy's Home. We are in the process of adding two new dormitories and a community feeding centre. The latter will also double as a place to hold parenting courses and prevention workshops.

A few months ago we were shocked to find out that the city was building a major sports complex right next door, something that would bring the entire town right to the door of our centre and its programs! But that's not the addition.



After months of waiting for a construction license due to Covid closures, we now have the permits in hand and are ready to begin finishing work on the new dormitories. But, if

you look to the right of my truck in the picture above, we have a flooding problem. **All of the rain water from the basketball court pools in that spot and seeps into the basement rooms.**

**So the addition/solution?** Building bleachers (seating) for the boys (now required by Social Services), a place where the guys can cheer each other on AND seal the leaks.

We have funds for the dormitories, but the bleachers and finishing out the feeding centre require additional help. To put in the grand stands and lighting is about 3k and finishing the work on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the expansion some 30k more.

### **The Nocaima Church - Demolished!**

Ok, sort of! Nocaima is a town of some 9000 souls west of Bogota, home to a growing 50 member AOG church.



Over the last few months, several Canadian churches and individuals gave so that the old prefab portion of the church could be rebuilt. Last month Pastor Ishmael and a group of volunteers began the task of tearing that structure down and **now we are rebuilding the church.**

In a few weeks, the church will have doubled the size of its sanctuary and the old prefab will be resurrected (on the new second floor half slab) as a parsonage. In the future, we hope to finish the full slab and build a permanent Sunday School, but for now the church is thrilled to see a dream come true.

### **Buena Vista - Nearing Completion!!!**

When we started working in Buena Vista, we had a much different plan. We would first start evangelistic campaigns in the schools and maybe down the road help expand the church.



However, God had other ideas and now the BV Sunday school construction is in its final stage. The structure is built, the sanctuary is again in use and over the next few weeks, the windows, lighting and items will be installed so that the kids in BV will finally have their own place to call home.

Thank you so much to all who were involved here and in the Nocaima church rebuild. **Que Dios Les Bendiga Mucho!**

### **And The Fam?**

We are well. We have certainly been challenged in the last few months, with things like a massive Covid spike, a national strike in Colombia and more, but God has been good.

We are now fully vaccinated and working on our projects with a little more peace. God also answered prayer and we have just landed in Canada for a few weeks to visit friends and churches, but most of all to see James.

***I can assure you hugs and tears are coming very soon, when we reunite as a family - if only for a little while.***

Grace, Peace and Love,

*Darren, Patty, James & Darien*

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