



Child's Play!

Dear Friends,

The end is finally in sight. After four years (5 if you count covid), we are finally coming to the end of **Project Refuge**.

The expansion of the Refuge Boy's Home started with God whispering in our ear about better utilizing the large piece of land that the boy's home sits on, but we weren't entirely sure how best to do so or how to pay for it. 7000 square feet over two floors is not a small thing.



But to quote an old adage, "How do you eat an elephant?"
"One Piece At A Time!"

We started with only a Word from God. We had no money, but we held a ground breaking ceremony, taught the boys a lesson on faith and began to work as funds allowed.



Now, we are in the final stretch. The building itself is complete. The 1st floor is totally finished (ready to receive kids from the community in it's day programs) and now we just lack the finishing work on the second floor.



The 2nd floor is a transition home for university age boys. The guys that come into the Refuge and other state homes, have everything done for them from the time that they are young, but as they age out of the program, many are left without the tools to care for themselves in the real world.



Our transition home solves that problem. Even as they complete their studies, they will also learn how to cook for themselves & other life skills needed to succeed on their own.

This frees up space to bring more, younger boys into the original Refuge and also bring in more youth from other homes that have no transition space. In other words we will more than double the present homes capacity. More boys will hear about and Experience God's Love!

So what's still needs to be done?



Well, as we speak the floors are being levelled. Next steps are tiling, painting, installing the bathrooms, kitchen and all of the furnishings: bunks beds, living room, washer/dryer, stove fridge, etc. A lot?, **Maybe...**

BUT! compared to having built two stories with no money, raising the last \$35,000 needed to finish this project is...

Child's Play!!! Want to join in?

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The Face of God Church has seen a lot of changes in the last 1½ years. Going from an empty lot, covered by only a tin roof, to having a fully built sanctuary & roughed in 2nd floor. That is the miracle that many of you have helped to sow.

Recently Pastors Albeiro (al bay ro) and Diana led their church in it's 20th anniversary celebration. The sanctuary was packed for multiple nights as they rejoiced in God's faithfulness, even as they wait for Him to help them continue in their long term goals.

While the church now has it's own home and permanent sanctuary, they were still lacking a functioning Sunday school, offices and guest apartment. While the latter two can be done little by little, **the Sunday School is a high priority.**



Well, just a few days after their anniversary, we were able to give them a little push and now the 1st steps have been taken to build their Sunday School.

The walls are roughed in and the kids are already using the space. Over the next few months we hope to fully establish this area that will reach kids for decades to come.

From The Empty Nest

Transition, that is a big word for us lately. As Darien heads off to summer work, temporary lodging and then school in September, we are going through a lot of changes.

Even as Patty and I tour around Ontario churches this summer, we are really praying about our "New Normal" when we get back to Bogota. That involves Patty spending more time teaching - training volunteers and missionaries on how to work with hard to teach kids and being able to join me more with outreach teams.

We would so appreciate your prayers as we make all of the adjustments and seek God's will for this new stage of life.

Bible Distribution



Let us sign off with just a couple of pics from this month's Bible distribution in Tenjo, Colombia. Pastor Liliana, one of our dynamic partners, went door to door with several hundred Bibles this month.

It is amazing how people respond to this gift, one older lady in particular was in tears, thanking God for His blessings.

This is just one of the ways to change a nation, one Bible, one prayer and one blessing at a time.

Much Love!

Darren & Patty

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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