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News from My Father's House

"Commit your way to the Lord, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass" (Psalm 37:5)

Dear friends and partners in ministry,

We are grateful to our Lord for all He has done this past month in our family and ministry. We are convinced that all the things that took place this past month were only possible because God was in control and He was the one who unfolded His plans before our eyes.

In the months of April and May, Carlos started the remodeling and clean up of the mission house. The work that was done was supposed to take about six months and it was done in six weeks (Praise the Lord!). Seven bathrooms and the kitchen were remodeled. The property and house were turned around from an off white dark house to a house full of color and a comfortable place to be. We praise God for what He did through the work of Carlos and all the workers that helped to transform this place. **The name of the mission house is My Father's House (John 14:2)**

The senior class of Ridgeville Christian School arrived May 19-28. They were the first team to stay at the mission house. The first job they had was to take all the tags from the new towels, kitchen utensils, etc and help and put away all the new dishes. Two days before they arrived we bought 24 bunk beds and everything needed to host them (we felt as if we were getting married and setting a house all over again, only this time for 24 people).

A few days after the team was here, the city of San Lucas decided to dig four meter deep holes right in front of our main gate and throughout the main street of the mission house (they were installing a septic system in our neighborhood and never informed us of their plans). The day when the city started their work, we were supposed to move our things from our old house to the mission house. Carlos talked with the man in charge of the project and asked him if he would be willing to have his 20 men stop their work for about 30 minutes and let us pass through with some of our things (including the much needed refridgerator). He agreed and let us pass. A week later we had to ask for the same thing again but this time he didn't just stop the work but He asked his 20 men to unload our stuff from the truck and walk around the holes and take the stuff to the mission house. We praise the Lord for giving us favor with this man. This was our beginning with our first mission team but the ending was even better.

Nine students and one teacher were baptized at Lake Atitlan (including an exchange student from Italy). Many of these young people were Carlos' students when he taught Spanish at RCS four years ago.

The team ministered in a public school in Zapote and San Felipe. They also ministered to two different schools that got together for a program at the Galilea Church in San Lucas and about 300 kids prayed to accept Christ during the three presentations. They painted the new church in Tabacal that was dedicated this past Sunday. They worked at the mission house in many different projects. The day that they left they presented a gift of \$3,000.00 to help build a house for a family in our church who have been living in a house made out of cardboard and wood for the past 11 years. We praise the Lord for the way He used these young people to bless so many people (including us).

On June 13-22 we received a team of forty three people. We had four families (parents, children and grandparents), college and high school kids, singles and two mothers with their daughters. Our family of five became a family of 48 for nine days. It was amazing for us to see how the families bonded together. We had the children praying for their parents, the parents praying for their children the younger ones praying for the older ones. It was a miracle every worship service and devotional time we had together as a team. We praise the Lord and thank Him for allowing us to be part of this.

We want to thank each one of the team members for all the work they did on the mission house and the day that they distributed the baby formula and rice to the families of El Zapote village. Thank you for ministering to the kids at the Orphanage and putting together the cookout. They will never forget you. We believe they saw Jesus' love and his hands through you. Thank you for preparing and ministering at the Sunday school classes at the San Lucas church. Thank you making temporary repairs to Flori's house until we find the land to build her home. Thank you for blessing our family with all you gave for the mission house and ministry. May God bless you and give you much more. We want to thank Terry and Cindy May for all their hard work on putting this team together. Also we want to thank Pastor Steve and Gina Strong and Ridgeville Community Church for allowing their church to be the main base for this team to develop (we had two churches that were represented and people from three different states that came on this team). We praise you Lord for giving us the gift of hosting your children in our home.

We praise the Lord for providing all the resources and energy to set up the mission house for 45 people.

We praise the Lord for allowing us to spend time with our dear friends the Campbell family and for their beautiful daughter Christina Maria whom they adopted from Guatemala. We praise the Lord for a blessed time our children had with their best friends Ben and Garrette.

How you can pray for us:

Pray for Hope Church mission team they will arrive on July 5-13. Pray for the Lord's protection for them as they travel. On Friday July 6 they will be ministering to about 50 women from the San Lucas area at our church. Pray that the women who don't know the Lord will get to know Him and also for the women to have a time of rest and refreshment for their souls. Pray as the team will also be ministering to these women's children. Please pray for the team as they will be working on finishing the work that needs to be done to finish the second floor at the Galilea Church and also painting the church and getting ready for the dedication in August.

Pray for our family as we still in the process of unpacking and settling in our new house.

Pray for a time of rest for our family.

Pray for land for Flori's house.

Pray for the babies of El Zapote that more baby formula will be donated and that we can get it here for them.

We are in the process of creating the mission house web site. The web site address is www.welcometomyfathershouse.com. Pray that everything will go well and we can have this up soon.

We thank and praise the Lord for each one of you and for the blessing that it is to have you as part of our prayer and support team.

Blessings to all of you,
Carlos, Heidi, Charlie, Danny and Allyson

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