



Summer Newsletter

We are now through the busy summer months. We had a lot of fun and we a got A TON of work done! The summer months are the time of year when we have the most teams coming down as it is the most convenient for them. This summer we had four teams starting in the middle of June and going until mid August. We also had a summer intern, Anna, here from Georgia for a little over six weeks. She and I got close and I really enjoyed her time here with us. It was great to see Gods provision in all that we did. He showed us how He is there with us all through everything and He provides us with every little thing we need to complete His good work. In the word it says "God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:8. This summer the Lord showed us in more than one way how true that is and how He does provide for us in everything.

Just before the teams came in June we were up in San Antonio visiting when the Pastor and a couple men in the village asked to have a meeting with us. The two men were Carlos, the youth leader who has been working with us and is also doing a discipleship with the Braun's, and his father. They were concerned about Laura, Carlos's sister, who was starting to have bluish lips and club fingers. She was also having trouble breathing. Laura is a very small 19 year old with Downs Syndrome. Robin went and examined her and discovered she has a huge heart murmur. They said they had taken her to the local hospital and that she was there for three days and no one came to examine her so they just took her home. A couple days later Robin and I took her to a hospital in Guatemala City. They determined that Laura has a whole in her heart and her pulmonary vessel is getting smaller and smaller and is not longer elastic. Luckily she is a good candidate for surgery and will be having surgery in September to fix the problems. We are so thankful to the Lord that she is able to have that surgery.

We had teams here from Sparks, New York, North Carolina and Georgia, as well as a team from Living Stones, my home church. We got so much work done! We finished the first layer of stucco on the Ministry building in Liquidambo. The final layer will be done by some of our friends in San Antonio who are professionals. We also are in the process of

making mud bricks for the permanent bathroom and were able to start the construction of that as well. We also sealed off walls of the storage room that is under the clinic porch to keep moisture from coming in through the ground.

In San Antonio we worked on the alter at the front of the church and dug and poured the footings for the walls on the other half of the church. Then with the New York team and North Carolina/Georgia team we laid the brick for the walls about four feet high. We wanted to put the roof on with the team that came in August so to be able to complete that the men in the community worked eight days straight to complete the other half of the walls done in between the North Carolina/Georgia team and the Living Stones team. To complete the roof of the building we had three huge triangle shaped trusses we had to get up on top of the walls and then turn them. We had to use ropes and pull the tresses to standing up. Then we welded the cross beams to the tresses and then drilled lamina sheets to the cross beams. We completed that the last day the last team was here. It was amazing! Only through God and His strength and protection could we have done all that work. The other half of the church went from digging the footings to putting on the roof in only a month! It's awesome to see Gods provision.

In July, while the team from North Carolina and Georgia was here God showed us yet another way that He can provide for us. This year the rainy season has been a big one, and we have gotten more rain than they have had in years. There was a village, up the same road from San Antonio about an hour or more, that had severe damage from the rain. There were massive land slides that killed over 50 people. The survivors had to flee on foot with only what they could carry because the roads into the village were blocked with mudslides. They fled to nearby churches and shelters all over the area. When teams come down they often bring toys and leave clothes and such for us to give out. We were able to gather up all the clothes, toys and shoes and give them out at a church less than twenty minutes from where we were in San Antonio. We also bought 600 lbs of corn, 200 lbs of rice, and 100 lbs of sugar, soap, and bleach and gave it out as well. We had a service and worshiped with the people as well. It was incredible to see people who had lost everything raise their hands up with us and praise God.

When the Living Stones team was here they bought six hundred pounds of corn for Liquidambo. We split up into two teams and hiked all over the mountains to deliver the

corn. We were able to visit 31 families and pray with them for their needs. The team got to see how these people lived as well as really get to know them and see God providing for them. It's hard to see people in extreme poverty, but they opened up their homes to us and even offered us things like coffee and bananas. These people would give to us even in their poverty; it was a sacrifice they made for us. God does provide for all good works and He uses us to accomplish them even though He doesn't need us. The team really felt the weight of this gift.

God has continued to do great work in my life. He has shown me how He provides for all my needs. It has also been great learning the lesson that God uses me just as I am for His will. It doesn't matter what I can or cannot do because it is God working in me and not me that is doing it. I am learning to constantly fill myself with Him and that I need to rely on Him everyday. This has defiantly been a time of growth and learning for me. I am so grateful to God for bringing me here and for all the work He has done and is doing in my life.

Thank you all for your prayers and support. I love you all.

Charlotte

Prayer Requests and Praises:

- For Anna while she is adjusting to being back at home. Praise for her friendship and having her down here.
- For Laura and her family as she has her surgery. That all goes smoothly with the surgery and her recovery.
- For the rest of my time here that the Lord would continue to reveal Himself in new ways and that I will continue to grow spiritually.
- For all the work we have to finish that it goes on without injury.
- For the Brauns and the Comstocks in their ministry that the Lord continue to provide for all of their needs and bless them and their ministry.



Stuccoing the Ministry Building



David and Goliath skit performed with kids in Liquidambo.



Handing out clothing and supplies to victims of the mud slides.



Drama about Jesus dying for our sins performed in San Antonio.



**From footings to the roof in only a month!
How great is our God!**

