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Dear Pastor and praying friends,

"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19. God always takes care of us. He meets our needs, and His timing is always right. There has been much needed work in renovating our building. God sent Pastor Chris Simpson and some men from our sending church to help out for a week, volunteering their vacation time in order to assist us! Renovations on two new Sunday school classrooms were continued with their help as a door was cut, walls were drywalled and mudded, etc. They also helped with renovating our sanctuary including painting, replacing baseboards, and framing the windows and the new doors. What a difference it has made and what an incredible blessing they were!

Our baptistry is completely renewed with the help of some donated rock for its back wall and a lit cross for its center, which is the focal point of the platform. The cross was both wired and constructed by our newest convert, Jesse, who will also be the first to be baptized in this refreshed baptistry.

The cafeteria and kitchen were repainted and decorated after almost 20 years of blankness. Money was donated for new carpet in the sanctuary as were many beautiful chairs which we are using in place of pews during the remodel. God blessed with sales, discounted items, and more donations for decoration in many places. Praise the Lord for His answered prayers, blessings, and provision!

Please keep our area in prayer: it remains a dark, hollow community filled with hopelessness. Satan has ruled and chained this place for decades. Drugs, alcohol, silent abuse, satanism, and immorality is rampant and generational. No place is beyond hope of Jesus Christ, and we know He is powerful enough to break those strongholds and set these broken people free! The spiritual need is so great.

Praise the Lord for our young converts who have such an excitement for the things of God and His Word! It is exciting to see them growing greatly in the Lord! One such convert is an eight-year-old boy with a sad background common to St. Francois County. He received Christ this past Emergency Sunday and has been miraculously transformed. He is on fire and is constantly witnessing. Please pray that he may continue coming and that his fervency may not be dampened as Satan continues to fight him through his family and background. Thank you so much for your prayers and financial support!

In Christ,

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