

Dear Praying Friends and Supporters; Three Big events this month! Event # 1 (Chronological order) Our Church Group

We were so excited to have a group of 14 people from our home church, Pleasant View Baptist Church in Taylors, SC. They flew in on Friday, after leaving home on Wednesday evening. While some helped Robin in the house, other were playing soccer with the kids and teaching them kickball, and some of the men helped me work on the Jeep, installing the new fuel pump they had brought. Saturday morning, some of the ladies were working to on food prep, while others were working to get chairs cleaned and the tent set up for the graduation. That afternoon the kids came in for a great Kid's Blast! Games, water balloons, Bible lesson, craft and a snack. Over 150 kids came out for almost four hours of fun. Everyone was out and called on to help with this event.

As soon as the Kid's Blast was over, we were in clean-up mode and the men already

started cooking 9 of the 27 chickens for the next day. Sunday we got an early start at 4:30 to cook the remaining 18 chickens, finish cooking and heating the rest of the meal, and finalizing things for the graduation. Sunday evening everyone turned out again, this time out in the main street in front of the Spanish church, handing out tracts. We were causing traffic jams, with motorcycles stopping to be able to get whatever was being handed out. For over an hour we were constantly handing out gospel literature to those walking or riding by. Then we started the evening service. Our pastor, Bro Bill South, preached, with me interpreting and there were 20 people in attendance besides those in the group.

By noon on Monday, the seven men, plus myself and Bro. Humer, were loaded up in the boat and headed out to visit Ahuas Luhpia where Bro. Humer is the pastor. The 2 hour boat ride turned into over 3 hours because the water level was so low. The last hours we were polling and pulling the boat through shallow water to get to the landing. From there we had about an hour walk to get to the village. There we installed lights in the church as well as a solar panel and lights in Bro. Humer's house. They were very surprised by the gift and excited to have their first "electricity" in the house. We held service that night, with a full church and 2 preachers. We were up early the next morning and were in the boat before sunrise, floating down the channel brewing coffee, while some fished and others ate banana bread and enjoyed the hot sun.

Wednesday morning was a wonderful service with great singing and preaching about Jesus. It thoroughly stirred our hearts, praising the Lord for his goodness and love toward us. That afternoon we were able to go with Bro. Levis to his church in Tikuabila and have prayer with him there. Thursday morning everyone was up and we crossed the lagoon and







were able to see Bro Andy's church and visit with his family. We were doing some shopping before heading to the airport, when we found out that the plane that should have come to get them on Thursday morning, had crashed into the sea on Monday evening. After scrambling around, making many calls, we were able to get them different flights out, but not till Saturday and Sunday. Praise the Lord for His help in getting all the plans rearranged and for protection in getting everyone home safely. It was so wonderful to have friends from our church come to see us, and help us in the big event.

Event #2 Graduation

We were excited to have Bro. Levis finish his Bible

Institute studies, after 5 years of study and classes. His parents and some of his family were able to come in from his home village of Ahuas, as well as a group of 15 from our other 6 churches. Almost every chair was filled in the tent that morning, while we said the pledges and sang the anthems for each flag and the Bible. Bro. Levis gave a strong testimony of salvation in his time of preaching to the people.

Each of the graduates that still work with us had opportunity to participate with a word of testimony, prayer, or message. We were privileged to have our pastor, Bro. South, preach the charge to the graduate. Once again, it was a wonderful service

glorifying the Lord for His love and salvation. After service we were able to feed 238 people and enjoy a time of fellowship celebrating the Lord's work in Bro Levis' life, and his graduation from the Bible Institute.

Event # 3 The Rogers Family

Bro. and Mrs Rogers along with their 2 oldest sons came to see the work here. We started their trip off by working on the jeep as well. They were replacing a broken axle on the front right wheel. By the end, everyone and everything was well greased! Bro. Rogers preached 3 times for us on Sunday, as well as having everyone out front of the Spanish church handing out tracts again. People who pass by always take a tract, but when there are several gringos out there, the motorcycles stop as well. So we were able to give out a lot of tracts just in the one hour.

On Monday the Rogers family went with me to the village of Auka. Bro. Andy had

been making blocks for the last 4 months getting ready for this trip. We were able to lay over 150 blocks making a half wall around the church building. Bro. Andy will come back later with plaster and wood frame on top to finish out the walls. After that they will work to cement the floor of the building. The Rogers family were a great help in getting this done. Everyone finding a job and working all day. So thankful for those who come with the purpose of helping accomplish a job. It is a great help.

As we stated in our last prayer letter. We will be headed in to the US the first of May. I will be staying with my Dad for three months visiting with and helping to care for him. At 92, almost 93, he is dealing with the normal decline in his physical and mental health for that age. He has been living with my sister for the past few months, and we would like to give her a couple of months to rest and travel a bit. We will not be taking meetings nor traveling during that time, as the purpose is to be with and care for Dad. However; from there we will continue to be managing and directing the work here as best we can. We would greatly appreciate your prayers for the work here in our absence. Thank you again for your faithful prayers on our behalf. We are so thankful to the Lord for His help and what He has allowed us to do and also for the encouragement that we have received this past few weeks. In Christ,

Gene and Robin Trask



