

The Vineyard's Costa Rica Mission Trip

Wednesday's Update

Hey Vineyard Family & Supporters...

Well...I am currently sitting on a plane heading back to Indiana as I write this update. Leah mentioned yesterday that her update would be our last one, but I wanted to make sure and share with you a few really great things that happened today. So here you go...

We woke up this morning at 5:30am to be ready to leave at 6:30am for whitewater rafting. It was hard to wake up that early, but I think everyone was pretty excited so it wasn't too bad. Whitewater rafting is AWESOME! Everyone had a GREAT time and only a couple of them fell out of the boats! ☺ We then ate lunch at a restaurant and headed back to DeLynn's to pack up and head to the airport.

On the way, I was dropped off with DeLynn and we headed to see Pastor Pablo one last time. This time to purchase something very specific and special for him. We noticed this week that the guitar he uses for worship is impossible to tune because the neck of the guitar is warped. And so, we decided that having a guitar that isn't distracting during worship was a good thing to use the extra money we brought to bless Pablo in whatever specific need he had. And I think it did just that...it blessed him! This was also a good purchase because Pastor Pablo is bi-vocational. He teaches music classes in school and uses that guitar to teach as well! You should have seen his face when we walked into the guitar store...it was priceless!

Also, while we were with him, I was also able to share with him that the team (students & leaders) came up with over \$300 to leave with DeLynn and the PVM staff to install a bathroom at the church in the next few weeks.

A few days ago, Pablo shared with me that the house that the church is meeting at is not his or one of his relatives as I had previously thought, but just someone in the church who is willing to host and see the church grow! WOW...talk about storing up treasures in heaven! He told me that it is a huge blessing, but also has created some problems for them as well in the past. For example, they could never meet as a church body unless the family whose house it is was going to be home.



Group 1...Michael, Gabby, Kenzie, Lindsey, Chelsea & Wes.



Group 2...Mark, John, Austin, Mike, Zach & Ryan.

BUT...what we accomplished this week by clearing out the side yard and putting up the tents will now give them an opportunity to come and go as they need to/want to. Pablo will be hanging lights in the tents and they can now meet at night as well. With that said, he mentioned that really the only thing left that would hinder them from meeting whenever was a bathroom.

Well, that is where the 300+ dollars comes in. Both Delynn & Chad (a PVM staff member who hung out with us all week) told us that putting in a bathroom would be approximately \$300. And with that...it seemed to be a no brainer that we help put in that bathroom if we could. Obviously, our time in Costa Rica was coming to a close, but we thought if we could raise the money from the team, we could leave the \$300 with Delynn and have his PVM staff install the bathroom. There are already some things at the church that can be tapped into to make it fairly easy...specifically tin and septic hole. The students were glad to give, and blew me away with their generosity. Soon Pablo will have a full functioning facility for the church as a result! If any of you remember moving from the other Vineyard to the new building...I kind of picture it like that and I know there will be much more opportunity for ministry this next year and Pablo is pretty pumped...as are we!

I then met up with the team at the house, had a quick lunch, and packed up. DeLynn took a few minutes to talk the students about their Vida 220 Discipleship program and invited any of them that were interested to come back and do longer term ministry in Costa Rica, which I think a few are really considering and praying about. I think all of them have fallen in love with Costa Rica and a few so much so that I think they will come back! How cool is that? I LOVE IT!

We got through both the airport in Alajuela & Guatemala City with ease and will be landing in Chicago in a few hours. After that a quick 2 and a half hour drive home.

Again, thanks so much for your prayers this week! I don't think we could have asked for a better experience for our first ever international student missions trip. They all want to come back and so do!! Thanks again!

In Him,

Matt Poorman



Group 3...Abby, Anna, Leah & Matt.



Pastor Pablo & Matt with Pablo's new guitar.



Delynn praying a for the group before they left for the airport.

