

## **BAM Update**

August 10, 2020

Rom. 8:17 “Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. <sup>18</sup> I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.”

I am at the stage in life when a dear one passes, who is a believer, I am a bit jealous. For I know that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. However, before that God appointed time occurs (1 Peter 2:21), there is some difficult work to be done as co-heirs with Christ. Our inheritance has the old good news bad news scenario. There is a connection with present suffering and future glory. We are called to follow Jesus' example of suffering. Yet, I don't believe many of us are truly suffering. I still remember a chapel speaker from a Slovak country who simply made an observation of the American Christian, “You American Christians need to grow in your theology and experience of suffering.” No one likes to suffer, however, once the suffering comes upon us it is helpful to remember what the believer's glorious destination holds for each one.

### **Global Youth**

Tonight, we meet with our college/career group that has been steadily growing (last week we were near 50). There will be a short little devotional led by one of the career guys, Louis. The rest of the time will be spent in break out groups via Zoom. Each breakout group will be assigned prayer themes and requests. Zoom does not replace physical meetings but at least we are able to stay in touch while we are in the states.

### **El Oasis**

We are thankful that we have been receiving pledges for the new ministry focus. Our mindset is we will continue to grow this ministry organically using what we have and trust the Lord's timing and provision for the rest. We will use our house to grow the ministry, just like we did in 2000 when it grew to approximately 50 students. This will be our primary focus and we are expecting the Lord to do some incredible things.

### **Meetings**

This week, we have meetings every single day. We are thoroughly enjoying meeting old friends and getting caught up with what the Lord has been doing in their lives. There is no exchange for friendships that have remained faithful and that the Lord has blessed and made fruitful.

### **Follow up**

This week Juan Gaona will be surveying San Nicholas to see if there is still interest in water filters, MP3 Bibles and Bible studies. Based on his feedback, we will launch a mini campaign to raise the necessary funds to purchase more filters and Bibles.

### **Prayer Request**

1. Pray for the Global Youth meeting tonight that God will answer our petitions.
2. Pray for God's people to have the same mind regarding the ministry in Puebla.
3. Pray for the continued blessings on the incubators as we just experienced a huge week last week. I am very thankful for Yael's diligence in this area.
4. Pray for the follow up that Juan will give to all those who put their trust in Jesus Christ in San Nicholas.