

# Project Bethany

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## Supernatural

Georgiana is usually the one who writes our newsletters, but this time around she awarded me the task. So, let's see if I can do it justice.

I tend to think in the concrete and logical realm, which I must admit can be rather boring at times. The past 28+ years that we have served on the mission field has been anything but mundane and boring. I especially have learned so much about living by faith, as there have been unending opportunities to exercise my faith. Let's not forget that I am the logical one, so here it goes with an equation that I would like to present to you:

### SUPER + NATURAL = SUPERNATURAL

Our time on the mission field can be summed up with this equation. God has taken our natural, God-given abilities, plans, and desires to a whole new level. He adds His super to our ordinary natural abilities, and what is the result? The result is what we call "SUPERNATURAL". By definition, this is an event or a manifestation attributed to some force beyond scientific understanding or the laws of nature. The New Testament is full of examples of supernatural stories. This would include the feeding of the 5,000, Lazarus being raised from the dead, ten lepers being healed, the paralytic being healed in Capernaum, Jesus walking on the water, Jesus turning water into wine, Jesus calming the storm, etc. There are many more, but too exhaustive to list here.

Every year, every month, every day, I remind myself to not look at my circumstances, but rather keep my eyes on Him, the Author and Finisher of my faith. He has proven Himself to me over and over again, but not always in the way or timing that I would like. But He has never failed me! I am so grateful and thankful for His graciousness and really, I don't have adequate words to express that.

As we begin this new year and make projections for what needs to be accomplished, I again cling to Him. My journey with God is not complete, and to be honest, will never be complete until one day when I see Him face to face.

I invite you to continue your walk with Him and experience His faithfulness as I have over all these years on the mission field.

*Stephen, Georgiana, & Luke Thomas*

"Tu Fidelidad" is one of my all-time favorite Spanish songs (by Marcos Witt). I would encourage you to look it up on YouTube and take a listen, as I am sure it will be a blessing to you.

### "Tu Fidelidad"

Tu fidelidad es grande  
Tu fidelidad, incomparable es (no hay nadie)  
Nadie como Tu, bendito Dios  
Grande es Tu fidelidad

### "Your Faithfulness"

Your faithfulness is great  
Your faithfulness is incomparable (there is no one)  
No one like You, blessed God  
Great is Your faithfulness



*"I will give them a heart to know Me, that I am the Lord. They will be My people, and I will be their God, for they will return to Me with all their heart."*

**Jeremiah 24:7 NIV**





## Voice of Reason vs. Voice of Vision

For more than two years, Georgiana and our administrator tried to convince me that we needed a chapel. To be honest, I just couldn't rationalize or justify why we needed that chapel, after all, we already had a building that served as our church meeting place. Every few months, they would ask when we were going to start the building. I would just smile at them and say nothing, as they already knew my answer.

During this time, we had a college student who had to do a community project as part of his studies, so he came and talked to our administrator, William, to see if we had something in mind for him to design. Without hesitation, William took advantage of the situation and put him to working on drawings for the chapel (that we weren't going to build). William gave him some ideas and left the rest for the student to design. When he came to present his final product to us, I couldn't believe it. The student had designed a chapel that would have met all my expectations and more. To put it bluntly, it was beautiful. Still, it was not enough to persuade me to change my mind.

Fast forward two years, the topic came up again during a prayer time. There was a person praying for each one of our team members and when she prayed for Georgiana, she mentioned the word "chapel". Of course, this caught my attention and later Georgiana and I had a lengthy conversation about it. The person had no reason to pray this, other than the fact God led her to pray in this way. To make a long story short, God used this incident to trigger me to pray about this matter. To be honest, I was not interested in praying, as I already had my answer and that was a resounding 'no' we are not going to build a chapel. God wanted my ear so He could speak. Through my willingness to pray about it, He turned my voice of reason into something that He wanted me to accomplish (His voice of vision). Well, here we are. God spoke, I listened, and we are now building what is going to be a beautiful chapel.

## Pressing Needs List

Please consider the following list of urgent needs that we are faced with currently. This is above and beyond our normal monthly operating expenses. Any extra assistance would be much appreciated.

\$12,000	Chapel Roof
\$7,800	Retention Wall
\$6,000	Gas System Repairs
\$2,000	Project Bethany Sign

\$14,000	Chapel Wood Ceiling/Columns
\$ 4,000	Conference Table w/10 Office Chairs
\$4,000	Computer Desks
\$3,200	Desktop Computers (Qty. 4)



  
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