



# Project Bethany

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## Praise Report

Last newsletter cycle, we sent a list of pressing needs. We are incredibly grateful for the partners who responded to our call to action. Of the eight needs listed, two were completely covered! A church in South Carolina blessed the project with the funds to purchase the roofing materials, and a sweet family in D.C. covered the cost of our Project Bethany signs. On the back of this page are needs that are currently unmet. If you would prayerfully consider helping with a specific need, it would be appreciated! We are thankful for the loyalty of all our supporters. Without your involvement, we would not be aiding families at risk in Costa Rica.

## The Latest and Greatest

The chapel is finally under roof (tin) and taking shape! We are getting ready to tile the outside portion of the roof soon. Our construction crew really is the best! Under our foreman's leadership, we could not ask for a better team. They worked painstakingly to get the steeple up. It was actually too small at first and had to be re-done so that the proportions would be right. A lot of stucco work has also been done up to this point. It's so exciting to see how quickly this project is coming together. There are so many decisions to make on a daily basis, but we are working through them and trusting God to help us along the way.

Our mothers are taking classes given by a couple from our church. They are teaching them financial responsibility, using Excel. They are learning to take the "little" that they have to effectively manage their personal finances. They are acquiring skills such as budgeting, saving, and learning to make informed decisions to achieve their long-term goals.

We currently have five families in the residential program at Project Bethany, and two families in our "Extension" program. Our staff is vetting new candidates to enter in August. Our recruiting process takes time. We want to be good stewards of this ministry by finding mothers who want to transform their lives with the help of the Holy Spirit.

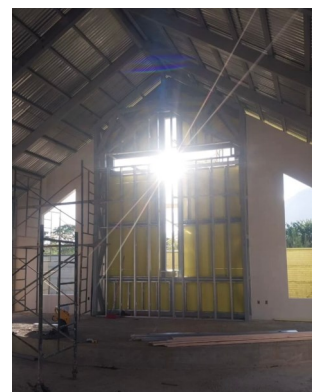
Last month, we celebrated 41 years of marriage! What a blessing to be together this long and still love one another. Our journey has been an adventure to say the least. Forty-one years ago, we would have never dreamed that we would be where we are today, but the Lord has surprised us along the way. We look forward to many more years together!

We are so blessed to have a dedicated team that prays and follows the lead of the Holy Spirit, even when it is hard. And we are thankful for our support team back in the U.S. We could not do it without you.

*Stephen, Georgiana, & Luke Thomas*

## The Significance of the Cross

Eliel, our foreman, recently took this picture standing inside of the chapel. In ancient times, the cross was an instrument of excruciating death, but for believers it is central to our faith in Jesus. The cross was essential for the salvation of humankind. God not only knew that the cross was important, but He allowed it on purpose. The cross was necessary to pay for our sins. God, in His infinite love and mercy, extended grace to each of us who believe in His Son. The Bible teaches that we were "...bought with a price..." (1 Corinthians 6:20). Our redemption did not come cheaply. It cost infinitely more than we can ever comprehend. Meditate on that for a moment and thank God for the significance of the cross.



*"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**



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## Rachel's Story

Rachel entered the residential program at Project Bethany back in 2023. Her profile was rough. Our psychologist stated that her case was one of the most difficult that we would accept to date. The day we told Rachel that she was admitted into the program she broke down and sobbed. She told us that she was a "disaster." We told her the good news was that God was an expert at taking disasters and making them into masterpieces. The time that followed was not easy. Due to her resistance to comply with the program, we were actually considering removing her from the project eight months after she started. However, Rachel had an encounter with the Lord that was undeniable. In 2024, she went through an intensive inner healing program with our Biblical counselor. Last year, we began to see "cracks" in the process. Due to busyness in the university, issues with her children, and demands from her family, she began slipping back. Our team faithfully prayed for her as we intervened frequently about different issues she was facing. We constantly brought her back to the Word. We began to see a bad attitude creeping in, and we confronted her over and over. At the beginning of this year, after a series of events and a lot of prayer, we made the painful decision to egress her from the program. It was just two months shy of her graduation from the university and from Project Bethany. The entire team was in agreement that it was a necessary action and that this was from the Lord. Rachel accepted our decision and had two weeks to find a new place to live. Thankfully, she will finish this semester at the University, as it had already been paid for and she will graduate with her Bachelor's degree in Communications. The beauty of all this was that she understood that this action was God's discipline in her life. It shook something in her. She realized that she cannot have one foot in the world and one foot with the Lord. Our team was able to pray over her, and bless her and her children. (photo on the front) We have remained in contact with Rachel even though she is no longer in our program.

We continue to be amazed at God's astonishing provision for this young woman. Rachel has been a brilliant student. We recently learned that her university acknowledged her outstanding grades with a full-ride to further her education! It has been beautiful to witness God's unrelenting pursuit of her at all times.

## 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. Contributions should be sent as directed in the box below (For Phase 2 Construction).

\$20,000	Tropical wood pews, doors, cabinetry
\$14,000	Wood ceilings and columns
\$7,000	Floor Tile

\$6,000	Gas System Repairs
\$4,000	Conference Table w/10 Office Chairs
\$2,400	Desktop Computers (Qty. 3)



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Make checks payable to Abraham Project, Inc. and note in the memo section **"Project Bethany"** for operating expenses **"Phase 2"** for construction costs.

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