

Project Bethany

May - June 2026

Who's Who at PB

Many of you know our foreman, Eiel, and his lovely wife, Rode. They live in a rural community, where Rode's father is the pastor of a church that quite literally is in the middle of a banana plantation. Rode leads the youth and is a worship leader. We have partnered with them on many different projects. It is always a joy to serve the Lord alongside them.

Eiel has worked with us for many years. He loves to share Christ with others. He and Rode have two children; Josué and Zianny. Josué has sickle cell disease and often has severe bouts of pain. Please pray for them. It is not easy to watch their son suffer from intense pain. Through it all, they continue to serve the Lord steadfastly as a family.

We are so grateful for their friendship over the years, and for their commitment to the Lord, come what may. They are living testimonies of giving and expending themselves for the sake of the Gospel.

The Latest and Greatest

We have had our hands and our hearts full caring for our grandchildren this year. We spent some time in Panama with the "GRANDS" while Stephen and Kendra enjoyed their ten year anniversary trip. Last month, we had the blessed task of taking care of our grandsons for eleven days. Our days were full of adventure walks, bugs, crafts, reading Bible stories, wriggly hands and feet, diaper duty, and inquisitive minds. It was totally exhausting, but oh so worth it!

The outside portion of the chapel roof has now been tiled. It took about a week to get the clay tiles in place. Our construction crew has been working tirelessly installing the siding on the outside of the chapel. It is starting to get that "country" feel and look. We have been busily running around looking for tile, bathroom sinks, decorative stone, and all the details that are coming up shortly. We are asking the Lord to give us creative ideas and good deals on the materials we need. Our desire is to honor the Lord with this House of worship and prayer.

Last month, we hosted a Joshua Expedition team from Florida. They were all seniors from a Christian school. They did an amazing job helping clean up the construction work site. We moved and hauled dirt, rocks, trash, metal, plastic, and someone even mowed the grounds around the apartments at Project Bethany. This team served, "... as unto the Lord," and we are so very appreciative of their great effort.

Thank YOU for giving generously and faithfully. You are a significant piece of the puzzle, in helping us care for vulnerable families.

Stephen, Georgiana, & Luke Thomas



Paul's Bold Proclamation

Paul was considering a third missionary journey to Corinth. In his letter he said, "So I will very gladly spend for you everything I have and expend myself as well ..." (II Corinthians 12:15) The word expend means to be used up. Paul viewed his life as a resource belonging to God to be used up as He sees fit. But it was more than a conviction, as he was speaking out of his sincere love for the people. Paul's devotion to the Corinthians was reminiscent of Jesus's own life and ministry here on earth. Jesus willingly expended Himself for humanity. How can we not do the same for others?



"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



WHOLLY DEVOTED TO GOD

Calling all Candidates!

Our staff is in the process of searching for and vetting new candidates. We would like to offer three young women the opportunity to study this August. At this stage, it seems painstakingly slow. We have advertised this unique opportunity in churches and ministries scattered throughout the area, and there is interest. Unfortunately some of the young ladies do not qualify at the onset for one reason or another. These issues range from not having their high school degree to currently living with their partner, among many other reasons.

Vetting the candidates takes time. There are multiple interviews and evaluations to determine if they are apt for the program. We have tweaked the assessment method over the years to ensure we choose the right person.

We are diligently doing our part. The most important thing we do is pray. We are blessed to have a team that believes in the power of prayer. We trust the Lord to handpick each momma that needs to be at Project Bethany in His perfect timing.

Cielo's Miracle

Last August, we started the pilot program for our new extension initiative. Cielo was the first mother we accepted into this program. She has two young sons, and had purchased her home with the aid of a loan. To make ends meet, she was working for a relatively low wage, and on the weekends, she was also driving as an Uber chauffeur. A few months ago, we met with representatives of a local business that has supported PB for many years. We shared about Cielo's situation and the strain the lack of finances was putting on her. They agreed to interview Cielo and afterwards they offered her a job. She is currently making double



what she was earning before and she is able to study at night. She will receive a degree in Cyber Security Engineering, and has the possibility of long term employment when she graduates. We are grateful for God's supernatural provision in her life.

We Need Your Help!

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 bottom-right box below for Phase 2 Construction.

\$20,000	Tropical wood pews, doors, cabinetry
\$12,000	Tile for floors, bathrooms, accent walls
\$4,000	Paint

\$6,000	Gas System Repairs
\$5,000	Landscaping (grass, shrubs, flowers)
\$1,600	Desktop Computers (Qty. 2)



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Financial Contributions

For those who desire to contribute financially, please follow instructions per your designation preferences:

For the Thomas Family

Make checks payable to Cornerstone International and note in the memo section **"Thomas-Costa Rica"** for our personal support,

Mail checks to the following address:
Cornerstone International
P.O. Box 192
Wilmore, KY 40390

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For Project Bethany - Single Moms & Phase 2 Construction

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

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