

Project Bethany

Sept - Oct 2026

Project Bethany News

We continue to make headway with the detail work in the chapel. The construction crew has been carefully installing the teakwood ceiling, and each metal truss and column is also being covered in the tropical hard wood. It is really giving the building a warm, intimate feel. As you may well know, the details inside the building are the “budget busters” in a construction project. We would really like to finish the chapel by year’s end. Please join us in prayer, trusting God to provide abundantly.

August 15th was Mother’s Day in Costa Rica. We hosted a morning activity for the moms at PB. Each one was given an art canvas for painting their favorite verse of scripture. It was fun to see their imagination soar as they began painting their masterpieces. Afterwards, we served a delicious breakfast. We ended our time together playing board games. They left with a gift in hand and a morning filled with fun.

This year we began incorporating a “Service Day” in between semesters. We feel it is important for the mothers to give back to the ministry that has been such a blessing to them. They prepped the ground around the chapel for the new grass that will be planted soon. The moms spent a day removing construction trash, rocks, and all sorts of garbage from the building site. The girls hauled wheelbarrows full of garden soil and spread it on the ground to prepare the area for the new sod, which will plant soon, in order to take advantage of rainy season.

This past month, our church was blessed to have one of our missionaries visiting from Southeast Asia. Elena is working with an organization helping women and girls escape abusive situations. They teach the women a trade; such as sewing, they share the Word, and help them get back on their feet again. We invited her to share her testimony to the mothers in our program. Our girls were impacted by her story and how God is moving in that corner of the world. We are thankful that Elena joined us, expanding the worldview of each one of the young ladies in our program, and helping them think spiritually out of the box.

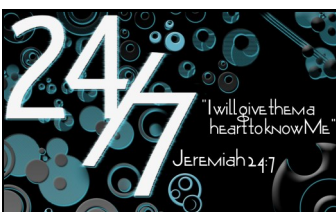
A HUGE celebration in Costa Rica is “*Día del Niño*” (Children’s Day). Of course, we had to celebrate all the kiddos in our PB family. Our staff prepared lunch for them (hotdogs and French fries), and then we topped it off with dessert, cookies-n-cream ice cream cones! We set up game booths, where the kids could win tickets that they would later exchange for prizes. We wrapped up our time with them doing a craft before they headed out. We are extremely blessed to have each child at PB, knowing that God has a special plan for their life, and we get to play a small part.

Stephen, Georgiana, & Luke Thomas

Whose Approval do you Seek?

This verse in **Galatians 1:10** is direct and to the point. The Apostle Paul asks of himself, “*Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings or of God?*” He answers that question clearly. There is no room for seeking approval from both men and God. We must each search our hearts and analyze our motives. Do we do things to be seen and lifted up, or do we do those same things for Christ to be exalted? There is a big difference. Paul says that if he was trying to people please, he would not be Christ’s servant. Worrying about the approval of others comes so naturally. Take a moment and ask the Holy Spirit to align your heart with His.

Am I now trying to win the approval of
HUMAN BEINGS
OR OF GOD?
Or am I trying to
PLEASE PEOPLE?
If I were still trying to please people,
I would not be a
SERVANT OF
CHRIST.
Galatians 1:10 NIV



“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





Rachel's Triumph



For those of you who remember, back in February we were compelled to dismiss Rachel from the program. She left incredibly repentant for her wrong actions, and has been working hard to finish up her college education. She has maintained contact with our staff and is doing well, despite the challenges of making it on her own with three children.

We are delighted to announce that on August 19th, Rachel graduated from her university at the top of her class! She invited our Biblical counselor, Floribeth, to attend her ceremony. She obtained her Bachelor's Degree in Journalism. As she has humbled herself before the Lord, He has moved mightily.

Rachel is an exceptional student, without a doubt. Her university offered her a full ride to continue her education. She is currently studying to obtain her *Licentiate* degree (an academic qualification that sits between a Bachelor's and a Master's degree).

Liza's Accomplishment



Six years ago, we took a chance on a young girl who had dropped out of high school. We hired Liza to do some secretarial work for PB. However, there was one huge stipulation: that she take her high school equivalency exam and go to college. She accepted the challenge!

We asked Liza to take a step of faith and trust that God would provide for her college education. She cried, because that dream seemed unattainable and out of reach. Through the generosity of many friends, God provided miraculously for her college education. Liza worked and studied full-time. Last month, she finished her degree plan in Business Administration and will observe her formal graduation in March 2027!

We were able to pull off a "Surprise" graduation party to celebrate the culmination of several years of hard work on her part, and the realization of a dream come true given to her by her Heavenly Father!



We are immensely blessed and thankful to be in partnership with the most faithful, generous supporters. Through your gifts of generosity, our family stays on the field, urgent construction needs are met, college tuitions are paid, and daily living expenses for the mothers are covered. Thank you for giving!

With the end of year quickly approaching, we would like to solicit your help. We are looking at overhead that is above and beyond our normal monthly operating expenses, so we need the contributions to exceed the outgoing expenses. Any extra assistance at this time would be an invaluable support to our family and to the ministry. The goal is to finish the year strong. Contributions should be sent as directed below to Cornerstone International and made payable to "Thomas Family," or to Abraham Project, Inc. with a memo stating your desired area to benefit: "Project Bethany" (mothers ministry) or "Phase 2" (construction).



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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.

Mail checks to the following address:
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