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"The steps of a man are established by the LORD, when he delights in His way" Psalm 37:23a

End of the Year Giving—Building Project Fundraiser

UPDATE: As of today, we have raised just over \$23,000 of the \$25,000 we were attempting to raise for the Caracas church building project! Praise the LORD!

The 2nd story floor is in, the kitchen has been gutted and one of the church members is taking a week of his Christmas vacation to voluntarily install the new kitchen and we are now in the last few stages of our project. On December 16, all work will stop as we make everyone take a well deserved 3 week vacation after 10 months of hard work. Of course, the original budget wasn't quite enough so we are asking for anyone that would like to help us close the gap with an end of the year gift, that you would consider helping. We are now working towards \$30,000, just under \$7000 more!

Thank you to those who have given! If you would like to help us close the gap on the remaining amount, please text:

NMGive to 410-618-1010,

and under give, chose "Give to Venezuela Building Fund" or for more ways to give, please email us at nathanson4@gmail.com Thank you for helping!

November



ESL Thanksgiving Dinner

We were able to spend the first couple of weeks of November in Baltimore, recouping from our trip to Indonesia. Dianna had another bad cold and one of her eardrums burst, so she was recovering from that. We connected with our ESL program and had an amazing Thanksgiving dinner with our students and staff, reflecting on all the reasons to be thankful to God! It was a sweet time!

On November 15, we headed to Venezuela through Panama so we could visit our friends,

Panama Friends



Karla and Leslie. As you read in the last newsletter, Karla has cancer and had traveled to Venezuela to be treated. We were unable to change our tickets, so we spent a few days in

Panama, resting and visiting other friends, Jose, Jesus, Anabelys & Lara. God ordered our steps, and the fellowship was sweet!

We made it to Caracas on the 18th and after a little shuffling, landed in the apartment that we stayed at in August. In the last year, we have traveled to Venezuela 5 times and have stayed in 4 different apartments! Melba's apartment is right in the middle of our neighborhood, enabling us to have quick access to our church, bible studies and people! Once again, God has ordered our steps and has given us this little refuge for our stays.

Our first visit was to Karla and Leslie, and we spent a lot of time with them during our 10 days in Caracas. The church members have gathered around to support and love them, and we spent many hours laughing, crying, talking about our kids and about all God has done in the last 17 years and trying to be as normal as possible. It was a



With Karla & Leslie

sweet time of reconnecting with our lifelong friends who we had not seen since before covid. Karla recovered well from her surgery and while we were there, she began 10 days of radiation. On December 12 she will begin chemotherapy for 6 months. Please pray with us for a complete healing from the great Physician! Pray for peace and endurance for her and her husband as they fight this fight. And pray for wisdom and strength as we support them during this time! Our steps are ordered by God to sometimes walk through the valley of the shadow of death.....



Leader's Meeting

On Saturday, we were able to meet with the amazing leaders of our church and were able to build them up in their faith! (Ephesians 4:29).

Since we began the building remodel in February, they have been working non-stop to get this building up and ready by early next year. Working with cement and cinder blocks is long and tedious and every time a hole was opened, it seemed six more needed to be dealt with! It has been draining, but we are all trying to concentrate on the end results, a building that will be safe and strong and will last a 100 years! Our steps are ordered by the Lord in our building program.



Pastor Celedonio, Mauricio & Leyla

Our first Sunday, Adam was asked to speak at the ordaining of a new elder in one of our sister churches. Mauricio was led to Christ and disciplined in our church and then married Leyla and joined this other church, where they have served faithfully for 9 years. What a blessing for us as missionaries to see fruit that remains and is multiplied in other's lives! We serve without looking for quick turn around responses or feedback from people, but when we get to experience transformed lives, we love to shout

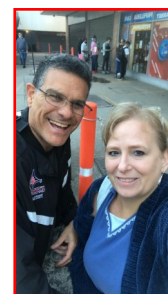
it from the mountain tops! Our steps are ordered by the Lord in our relationships!

The rest of the week was filled with making visits to Saime (immigration office) for our visas. We are still not approved, now 1 year and 2 months later! One bright spot in the process was that we were able to see what was missing in our paperwork! We made the copies they asked for and now WE WAIT! Again! We will return to Venezuela in February.

Our confidence remains in the Lord, as He orders our steps when it comes to our visas. Thank you, dear friends, for your prayers in this area. Keep praying!

We had the chance to visit our church members, Elias and Gaby and their new baby, Elias Emmanuel. Elias is being blessed in his business as he took over a small hole-in-the-wall hardware store a few years back and has turned it into a whole block store in this short time. He gives the glory to God and we rejoiced in how he has learned to organize his life, business and ministry from a God who orders our steps!

We also held our first Bible School leaders meeting in 3 years! It was a good time of reconnecting and making plans to tighten our communication as we look to serve and encourage new leaders to go into the harvest field. A new leadership team was put in place and plans to expand the online teaching were discussed. God is ordering our steps in preparing the next generation of kingdom leaders!



Waiting in line....again!



T: Dad Elias in front of his shop
B: Baby Elias with Tia Dianna



T: Bible School leadership team
BL: New Bible School Director, Pastor Celedonio



Preaching and
2 Baptisms (in our new chapel!)

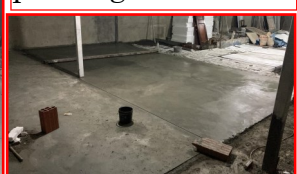
Our last Sunday was filled with preaching at 2 services, meeting new members and the blessing of baptizing 2 more believers in the faith who have trusted the Lord for their salvation! The Lord has blessed our church as they continue to share the Gospel and see more people trusting in His name. We have asked the Lord of the harvest to lead us to

those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. God is working through the church in Caracas, and they are discipling children of God each and every day and we could not be prouder of the love and service that emanates from each person in our church. God continues to order the steps of His church in Caracas, and we look forward to what He has for the future!!!

Construction Photos!



The laying and
pouring of the floor



An idea of the size of the
new chapel (to hold 200)



The new
kitchen

Prayer Requests:

♥ **Pray for our church in Venezuela as they are remodeling our church building in order to get it ready for full time occupancy. Please pray for protection as they work, for wisdom for the leaders as they lead the work and for the funds to be raised to cover all the expenses needed!**



♥ **Our visas have not been approved yet. Please pray that the process will continue and that when we return in February, they will be ready.**

♥ **Pray for the elders: Adam & Dianna, Ivan & Enyis, and Rene & Consuelo. Please pray especially for their health, financial provision and spiritual protection, and for their strength, stamina and wisdom as they lead the church through this on going crises.**

♥ **Protection, safety, provision and wisdom for our church family in Caracas**

♥ **Please continue to pray for Dianna's health. She did not get sick on this last trip but is feeling run down and is still having issues with her ears...**

♥ **Pray for Daniel as he navigates a lot of changes in the coming months.**

♥ **Pray for David as he and Hope's relationship continues to grow. Also pray for a possible new job situation.**

♥ **Finances—Pray for continued monthly finances as well as money to be raised for the church remodel.**

The Prayer Seminar

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December — In Baltimore

Schedule

Jan 7—Prayer Seminar, Elkridge, MD

Jan 23-25—Prayer Seminar, Miami, FL

Jan 26-30—Adam to Camaguey, Cuba

February —to Venezuela

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