Community In Acts Update

September 7, 2026

Matt. 6:33-34 "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

Wealth or worry? Wealth does not cancel out worry and worry does not add wealth. In the greatest sermon ever preached, Jesus admonishes the multitude gathered at the mountainside of Galilee not to worry five times. He gives wonderful examples of birds that do not gather food nor do they worry. He shows how flowers do not spin their clothing yet are clothed beautifully - yet they do not worry. He simply states we are more important than both birds and flowers. The pagans worry about, food clothing and tomorrow. His encouragement is to not be like them, but to prioritize God's kingdom and His righteousness. When we prioritize we demonstrate to ourselves and those around us how great is God. After all, pointing others to God who is worthy of our praise, is our main purpose in life.

Emerald Coast

Wow, teaching several hours a day is hard. I begin each day at 6:30 with a devotional. Three times a week we take everyone to the beach for a run and calisthenics. The students nicknamed their fellow student Alex, coach. In the classroom, I am teaching Spiritual Life and then we switch over to teaching through a course of drilling. Once we finish that course, we will drill a well for the Seminary. Once class time ends we begin with the practical lessons. We installed toilets, doors and grouted tile. The students are learning all day long. Benja has delegated responsibilities regarding the chickens, pigs, cows, horse and sheep. Keila has been teaching the students how to cook. She also is tutoring Alex in Spanish lessons. She has done a wonderful job communicating with Puebla Bible Seminary assuring that we are compliant with their program. She is working with two new students who arrive next week. Yesterday, we spent the day relaxing at the beach. We have an arrangement with the owner of the hotel to use the pool, showers and beach all day long. The students loved every minute.

Construction

Yes, it is challenging balancing the start of a seminary while finishing the construction. However, I am taking the counsel of Matthew 6:34 and not worrying about tomorrow. Today has enough work to keep us busy.

Prayer Requests:

1. Please pray for our students who are struggling being away from home for the first time.
2. Please pray for some of the emotional needs of the students where parental abandonment has take place.
3. Please pray for the necessary funding to finish the building.
4. We celebrate with our son Matthew and his growing family, Titus was born Sept. 3.