Community In Acts

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Col. 3:15 "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful."

One of the greatest blessings of the Christian life is the peace that Christ has given to His people. This is far more than simply feeling calm when life is going well. The peace Paul describes is the peace Christ purchased through His death and resurrection, reconciling us to God and making us members of His family. When I think of peace, I don't think of it as an active agent, but rather a byproduct. However, Paul refers to peace as a ruling agent of our hearts – that is powerful and yes, we ought to be thankful.

Emerald Coast

The flooring installation has officially begun at Emerald Coast Seminary! The crew is starting on the second floor and will work their way down through the building. There are countless details that accompany a project of this size, but seeing the floors finally being installed is another major milestone toward opening the seminary. It is exciting to watch the Lord continue to provide as this vision becomes a reality.

We are also excited to welcome a new missionary couple who has begun serving alongside us, Keila and Benja. Benja is originally from Buenos Aires, Argentina, while Keila grew up here in Puebla and attended school with our boys. She is exceptionally gifted bilingually and has already become a tremendous blessing in ministry.

As they continue raising their missionary support, we are praying for wisdom as we determine which sending agency will be the best fit for their long-term ministry. Benja also owns a successful company here in Mexico that works with government projects, and in the months ahead he will begin training to oversee our water well drilling ministry. We are excited to watch the Lord use his experience and leadership to help bring both clean water and the Gospel to remote indigenous villages. This week, however, their focus is on helping us recruit students for the inaugural class of Emerald Coast Seminary. We are participating in a large Totonaco youth conference with approximately 150 young people in attendance. Our prayer is that the Lord will call many of these young men and women into ministry and that some will become part of our very first class.

Prayer Requests

1. Pray that God will provide the remaining funding needed to complete Emerald Coast Seminary during the next month.
2. Pray that the Lord will call and send the students He has chosen for this first year, preparing future church planters for the Totonaco and Nahuatl peoples.
3. Pray for wisdom, safety, and efficiency as the final stages of construction are completed.
4. Please pray for Zach and Julie.