# Community In Acts

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Ex. 14:14 "The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still."

This verse was spoken to the Israelites during what seemed like an impossible situation. Trapped between the Red Sea and the Egyptian army, they could not see a way forward. Yet God reminded them that victory would not come through their own strength alone, but through trusting Him. Ministry often feels the same way. There are moments when the needs, pressures, and obstacles seem overwhelming, but time and again the Lord proves Himself faithful. Our responsibility is to continue walking in obedience and trust, knowing that God is already at work on our behalf. Emerald Coast will be built, it will bless and it will

## Construction Update

Thankfully, all of the interior windows facing into the dorm rooms have now been filled in and plastered. We are very thankful for the progress that continues to be made. In addition, all of the half walls for the showers are now completed. We still need to pour the roof over the staircase area and continue touching up the paint throughout the building. Regarding the windows, all cuts are made and assembly will start this week. Can't wait to be enclosed!

## Solar Panel System

We also received an update regarding the solar panel system. The company came out, and we had a very productive visit. However, they seemed somewhat surprised when we explained that we hoped to be completely off-grid. Because of that, the estimate jumped from 1.4 million pesos to 5.3 million pesos. I explained to them that the new amount was far beyond our reach and asked them to work up another proposal that stayed much closer to the original estimate. We genuinely want a solar panel system for Emerald Coast Seminary, and they have promised to come back with a revised bid. Please pray that this all works out according to the Lord's provision.

## Puebla Team

Regarding the team coming from Puebla, we are still working through scheduling and trying to see which dates work best. Our hope is to have them out here within the next month. The group has now grown from 10 people to approximately 15.

## Prayer Requests

1. Praise the Lord that Zach and Julie are doing much better individually and as a couple. Thank you for your faithful prayers for them.
2. Praise the Lord for the significant improvement in my lower back. There is still a herniated disc and nerve pain, but I am continuing exercises and praying for complete healing.

3. Please pray that we will have enough funds to complete this project. New expenses continue to arise, and we greatly need the Lord's provision.
4. Please pray that that more students enroll for the upcoming semester at Emerald Coast Seminary.