Community In Actrs

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Ps. 23: 4-5 [4]Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff,
they comfort me. [5]You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

In this very familiar passage God is portrayed as our Pastor who fulfills different roles in the lives of His sheep. He guides, provides, protects and comforts. Sometimes he leads His sheep through dangerous areas. The circumstances can create anxiety, fear and doubt. Yet, the presence of the Pastor armed with rod and staff give comfort to those who are unable to protect themselves. The Pastor's presence reinforced with rod and staff are indeed comforting. His provision of setting a table before the enemies speaks of His utmost confidence that no enemy will destroy Himself nor His flock. Further comfort is given with the anointment of oil. This was protection against fleas/ticks that would afflict the sheep. Finally, we see the Pastor abundantly providing for His sheep to the point that the cup overflows. Those of us who are in Christ Jesus are abundantly blessed to have Jesus Christ as our Pastor.

Emerald Coast

The State of Veracruz decided that it was time to re-pave the highway right in front of the Seminary. I told Benja to ask them if they needed a place to store their equipment - they did. We also asked if we could get some of the asphalt they were ripping up for our roads/parking lot. They said yes. So far they have gifted us 13 truck loads of asphalt that they also recycled for us - meaning they heated it up and put in new tar. This week we are asking them to steam roll what they have already laid down. What an absolute blessing! All in His timing. The flooring is going in, the windows are going in, painting has been touched up, most of the lamps have been hung, we put in a new bathroom, We were able to fix a major leak in our plumbing. This week, we will focus in on getting four bathrooms completely functioning, buy internal doors, build counters for the kitchen and install kitchen sinks.

Truck

I am about 70% done with the truck repair. It has come with many challenges. I was forced to make an adaptor in order to reach the drill area. The tool slipped while I was drilling so now the new threads do not line up. Today, I will widen the holes on the pipe that I took out and prayerfully that will work.

Prayer Requests:

1. Please pray for our students who arrive next week.
2. Please pray that I can get the truck fixed and inspected
3. Please pray for the safety of the workers.
4. Please pray for my preparation time for orientation and spiritual life