Community In Acts

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Ezra 7:10 "For Ezra had devoted himself to the study and observance of the Law of the LORD, and to teaching its decrees and laws in Israel"

Not only was Ezra tasked with rebuilding but also teaching. I can identify with juggling construction and teaching. Dealing with hard materials and hard hearts can be a challenge. Verse ten's commentary on Ezra's life was not – "What a tremendous general contractor, but rather one who's life was devoted to teaching, obeying God's Word. In that I completely identify with Him. Let's give thanks to those teachers who devoted their lives to teaching and living God's Word today.

Ranch/Seminary
This week we will be tackling several important projects around the ranch and the seminary property. One of the major projects will be installing posts for a provisional electric fence around the septic drain field. The grass has finally begun to grow after the seeds have taken root, and now we must protect the area from the cattle and sheep so the grass can continue to establish itself properly. The windows for the building are still being manufactured. We did make a change to the design and chose smaller panel sections so there will be more steel/aluminum reinforcement throughout the windows. This will provide greater strength and protection against possible hurricanes in the future.

This Wednesday will be a very significant day for the Emerald Coast Seminary project. A solar panel company will be coming out to perform an assessment for a complete off-grid solar system. This is a very large investment, but it has become a necessary one due to the unreliable electrical system, constant outages, and extremely high electrical costs in the area. The current plan is for a system using 146 bifacial solar panels. We are excited about the possibility of finally having a dependable and steady source of electricity for the ministry. Another project this week will be removing all of the carpet from the RV. The bed bug problem has greatly decreased, but they are still persistent, so we are continuing efforts to eliminate them completely.

I also will re-weld the live coyote trap cage. The trigger mechanism was not functioning properly, so I designed a new trigger system along with a stronger door. We will be setting the trap again soon. Thankfully, while we have not caught or even heard additional coyotes recently, we also have not lost any more sheep.

Prayer Requests

1. Please pray for the matching fund program that is going out this month as we reach out to supporters throughout the United States and Mexico.
2. Please pray for the Mexican work team that is expected to arrive later this week—that they would travel safely and that much work would be accomplished.
3. Please pray for the businessman who has promised tiles and doors, that everything would come together.
4. Please pray that more students will enroll for our August opening at Emerald Coast Seminary.