Community In Acts

July 20, 2026

Jam. 1:27 "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."

James reminds us that true faith is more than what we believe—it is demonstrated by how we love those who are most vulnerable. Throughout Scripture, God reveals His heart for children, especially those who have no one to care for them. To care for an orphan is to reflect the compassion of our Heavenly Father, who adopted us into His own family through Jesus Christ. Every act of kindness, every meal served, every game played, every word of encouragement, and every embrace becomes an opportunity to demonstrate the love of Christ.

Oprhanage Camp

Today marks the first day of our annual Orphan Camp, and our hearts are filled with excitement and anticipation. We expect nearly one hundred people to be involved throughout the week as children, volunteers, and our ministry team come together. We are especially grateful for the wonderful team from Providence Church in Coatesville, Pennsylvania, who have traveled here to serve alongside us. I also want to take a moment to publicly honor my wife, Sandy. Watching her prepare for this week has once again reminded me of what an incredible servant of Christ she is. The countless details involved in organizing an event like this are overwhelming—coordinating tents, sleeping bags, meals, transportation, schedules, language barriers, and the arrival of an international team. Yet she handles it all with grace, humility, and remarkable attention to detail. I continue to be amazed at how seamlessly she ministers betweeen cultures, loving people in a way that makes them feel seen and valued. I am deeply proud of her and thankful that God has gifted her so richly for this ministry.

Emerald Coast

While Sandy and the team are pouring into the lives of these precious children, I continue working at the ranch as we push toward completing Emerald Coast Seminary before the end of August. We are entering one of the most critical decision-making periods of the project. This week we must determine how to allocate our remaining funds between completing the flooring and moving forward with the solar power system. At this point, we simply do not have the resources to fully accomplish both. Both contractors have indicated that decisions need to be made this week, so I would greatly appreciate your prayers for wisdom.

Prayer Requests

1. Pray that every orphan attending camp would experience the perfect love of God in a personal and life-changing way.
2. Pray that many of these children would place their faith in Jesus Christ and begin a lifelong relationship with Him.
3. Pray for God's wisdom and provision as we make the final financial decisions needed to complete Emerald Coast Seminary.
4. Pray for the future students of Emerald Coast Seminary—that God would prepare their hearts now and use them mightily to plant churches, make disciples, and proclaim the Gospel among the unreached.