Community In Acts

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James 5:7-9 "Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains. 8 You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. 9 Don't grumble against each other, brothers, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!"

The farmer who plants his seeds, must wait for the Lord to send the rains. No rains, no crop, no crop, no harvest, leaving the farmer with just one option and that is to be patient. In our instantaneous society, patience is not something we focus on. Instant coffee, instant noodles, microwaves, and online orders all rob us of the opportunities and virtue of patience. Part of being patient, is realizing there are many factors outside of our control. Whether, it is the Lord's return or how others act and react are a few areas out of our control. I believe our grumbling/judgments of others is an attempt to control them and make ourselves feel better/superior. God gives a stern warning not to grumble or we will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door and ready to levy His judgment against the grumblers.

New workers/New Contractor

Today, we will receive a new construction team led by Octavio Marquez. He will have 10 workers beginning this morning. They are planning on living in the building and working sun up to sun down Monday – Friday. They have asked Juan and Susy to provide three meals per day for the workers and they are excited for the opportunity to serve.

Drill Equipment

This week, I will be working on the two rigs (DR-20 and the Beretta) to make sure they are both working for the team that arrives this coming weekend. I have a starter to remove, a cylinder to change out the seals, and have to make sure the mud pumps are working. All of the batteries need to be charged and I will make sure we have all of the materials on site.

Christ First

Christ First is sending a team of 20 down this weekend. We are planning on doing some drilling, evangelism, and some basic some health and hygiene. While part of the team will drill, the other part of the team will do ministry. The evangelism will be done when we go door to door handing out the water filters. We are looking forward to receiving this team. We are praying that the Lord will use this team and time to make a significant difference in the Emerald Coast area. Where we have chosen to drill, the household is bucketing water out of a hand dug hole in the ground. A well with a submersible pump will have a huge impact on their daily lives.

Prayer Requests:

1. Please pray for success in drilling a well.
2. Please pray that all of the equipment will work.
3. Please pray for a productive team with Octavio.
4. Please pray people will trust the Lord via handing out the filters and sharing the Gospel.
5. Please pray for Katie our intern for the next 3 months.