Community In Acts Update

August 3, 2026

Prov. 1:7 "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge,
but fools despise wisdom and instruction."

I was watching John Lennox debate a brilliant atheist. I cringed when this atheist listed these horrible adjectives to describe the God he perceived from the Old Testament. I shudder to hear these brilliant minds think they know more than God or better than God. Being critical of God is antithetical counsel to the message of Pr. 1:7. With reverence, humility and surrender we approach the Lord. Knowledge, wisdom and instruction are the benefits to those who fear the Lord. At Emerald Coast, we will model the fear of the Lord and in so doing encourage our students to delve into His knowledge.

Laptop

Regrettably, this past weekend my laptop decided to call it quits. The motherboard fried. We are in the process of trying to retrieve the information from the hard drive. In this model, the hard drive is soldered into the motherboard. This is the reason why the update is going out today. Humanly speaking I can imagine a worse time for this to happen. It is just one more opportunity to trust in the Lord.

Houston

I am making a last-minute trip up to Houston to meet Galen Blom and his church. There is a good chance their church will pick up Emerald Coast as part of their mission project. I will also meet with a few Hispanic pastors that are church plants out of the mother church.

VBS

This week there will be a VBS in San Nicholas de Los Ranchos. This obviously involves lots of work. They will be using the puppets to help communicate God´s truths. Sandy will be there the entire week teaching and sharing the Gospel.

Students

Unfortunately, we received word that a large chunk of our students were encouraged to attend another institute in Chiapas. Apparently, two graduates from that institute came home and strongly encouraged our students to attend their alma mater. Two other students crossed moral lines and the pastor could no longer recommend them. We are not sure what the new number is at this point, but we continue to trust in Him for the right students to be with us.

Prayer Requests:

1. Please pray that we can retrieve the information off my old laptop.
2. Please pray for a successful time meeting the new church and pastors.
3. Please pray for a significant time teaching the children attending VBS.
4. Please pray for the students who have signed up and those who have yet to sign up.

