Community In Acts Update

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Jas 1:2–4 Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance.

Complaining about circumstances when things don't go your way seems normal. I mean who doesn't complain? In the recent months, the Lord has been working on me in this area. I have come to the conclusion that complaining is a strain of unbelief wherein we question God's motive, character, knowledge, and plan, etc. At the very least, we are not content with what the Lord allows to enter our lives. James encourages us to consider it joy, not just joy, but pure joy. When should we have this pure joy? When we face trials, not just trials, but many kinds of trials? Why should we consider it pure joy? Because God is testing our faith and developing perseverance. Dear readers, I want you to know that your missionary in Mexico is very joyous this morning. God is at work and I cannot wait to see the outcome.

F250 Truck

The truck started to run poorly. After running the code reader, it said I had a faulty EGR valve. So I went to Youtube University and learned how to remove and install an EGR valve. Everyone spoke of the poor design of these two infamous bolts that tend to break. Guess what? They broke. So today, I have the dubious task of drilling out the broken bolts, tapping out the holes and putting in inserts. Of course this happened right after I loaded the truck with furniture we purchased from missionaries that were moving. The furniture is going out to the seminary for the students. The loaded truck barely fit into the garage. I had to purchase an expensive tool to do the drilling and tapping via Amazon. I now have the tool and will begin this job this morning. I am feeling the joy…

Emerald Coast

There is a lot happening this week. We finally got all of the tile. The flooring begins today! We are looking to have two teams working the two levels of the building at the same time. We also have the A/C guy starting the installation of the units. This week, the solar panel company begins their installation. I also bought the remaining 67 lights and we will finish the installation of the lighting this week.

Finances

We are very encouraged by some recent donations. We feel very blessed by the Body of Christ rising up and giving sacrificially to this worthy project. God is in control and we see His hands working daily.

Prayer Requests

1. Please pray that I can repair the truck.
2. Please pray for safety with all of the workers at the seminary.
3. Please pray for our students.
4. Please pray that the money we have will cover all of the remaining costs - we are getting closer.