Community In Acts

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James 4:6-7 ”But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says:

“God opposes the proud
but gives grace to the humble.”

7 Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”

Humility is God’s preferred virtue in those with whom He prefers to use. It is the proud that He opposes. Let that sink in! Do you really want to be opposed by God Almighty? God greatly used Moses who was considered for both his faith and his humility. The tendency of the proud is self-reliance and self-promotion. Those who are humble tend to give God the glory and cry out in utter dependency upon Him. Augustine once said, “It was pride that changed angels into devils; it is humility that makes men as angels.” May our humility grow and our pride shrink and may God get all of the honor, glory and praise.

Emerald Coast

This past week I had a difficult conversation with the architect. He is over budget, behind schedule and has under delivered. I expressed to him that I will not be able to pay for his services anymore. The money that we have left to complete the building we need to be very strategic. He responded by telling me he will reach out to some Mexican businessmen to see if they can come up with more funding. I am not holding my breath. It looks like I will be taking more of a direct role in the construction.

Puebla Seminary

This week we will have some very long meetings as we work with the leadership of another theological institution. This institution has name recognition and is very open to merging the two together. This is a very large and ambitious project with tons of details to be worked out. This will most likely involve weeks of meetings, prayer and fasting. All parties are excited about the potential.

Message

I have been asked to preach in one of my former student’s church this Sunday. His church has recently experienced a large growth spurt. I look forward to being with this group this Sunday and celebrate their growth and victories.

Prayer Requests:

1. Pray that we have wisdom and success in merging two institutions.
2. Pray for wisdom in moving forward with the construction project.
3. Pray for the necessary funding to finish this project well.
4. Pray for this week’s sermon to be meaningful and encouraging.