Community In Acts

December 1, 2025

Phil 2:1-2 "If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, 2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose."

Verse one has four conditional statements: encouragement from unity with Christ, comfort from His love, fellowship with His Spirit and tenderness and compassion. Those four qualities are foundational for unity with other believers and unity between your walk and your talk. Unity with both believers and Jesus will give us the same spirit and a singularity when it comes to purpose.

The Move

Early this morning, we will move Juan and his family to the ranch. We will load up the trucks and the trailer and leave our house in Puebla at 5:00 am. We are hoping to beat the traffic and give the family ample time to set up the house on the ranch the way they want. Yesterday Juan preached and then the church put on a huge meal as a going away party. Lots of tears were shed. However, Juan and Susy are very excited about this change and truly feel it is the Lord of the Harvest leading them to this new chapter.

The Seminary

The shell is up, over budget, behind schedule and in order to move things along I am planning on living on site. You may wonder where? Since Juan and his family will be living in the only house on the ranch. Good question! I am planning on making a quick run to the border and purchasing a small RV travel trailer in the McAllen area of South Texas. I will cross the border, nationalize it, tow it down to the ranch and park it right by the building. This will begin an intense focus on finishing the building by the end of March. It will involve tons of volunteers, teams, and sweat equity. This was not my original plan, but is my only plan until the building is completed.

The Equipment

We are still missing some parts for the drill rig before we can get it up and running. I will focus on removing the starter. This is normally a very easy task. Unfortunately, on this rig, the starter is extremely hard to reach. I was able to order some filters to filter all of the hydraulic oil before putting it back into the rig. We have several teams coming down wanting to drill and I really need the rig to be up and running.

Prayer Requests:

1. Pray that we will have no issues moving the Gaona family out to the ranch. Hauling a trailer in Mexico can lead to being hassled by the local police.
2. Please pray for the completion and funding for Emerald Coast Seminary.
3. Please pray for success in removing the starter and getting the parts.
4. Please pray for our future students to also have the same mind as Christ.