Community In Acts

February 9, 2026

Ps. 117:1-2 "Praise the LORD, all you nations;
extol him, all you peoples.
2 For great is his love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD"

This morning many of us will make our way into buildings called church to praise God. Why do we praise Him? First, He merits our praise due to His being. He is holy, all-powerful, infinite, and love. Secondly, He merits our praise due to His actions. He is faithful, providing, loving, wise, and patient. The opposite of praise is grumbling or criticizing. In my ministry life, I have heard a lot of people criticize God and grumble about how unfair life is. I can be guilty of grumbling when things don't go my way or I encounter hardships, deception, and/or broken promises. It's then I must discipline my mind and heart to redirect my focus upon God's faithfulness rather than man's faults. Because at the end of the day, God did allow that person, that disappointment, that betrayal, that illness, that loss, and that whatever you would like to insert. God sovereignly allowed 'that' into your life for a purpose. May we respond with praise.

NCI Retreat
As always, it was such a great time being with Glenn Smith and the staff. We spent time sharing with each other what God is doing in our lives. We shared our goals for 2026 and then spent time in prayer. It was short, sweet, and productive.

Caleb and family
We have had a wonder time with Caleb and his beautiful family. Every night our bed was visited by little people seeking warmth and bonding. Eliana lost one front tooth and was nicely compensated for it. We loved every minute of their time with us. They leave this morning for their journey back home to brave the bitter Northeast winter.

Providence Church
This afternoon, Providence arrives in Veracruz. Katie Davison and I will drive to the airport and pick the team of 11 up. This week they are tasked with electrical installation, rough plumbing, welding projects, and fixing some small engines. Should be a productive and great time.

Women's retreat
As usual, Sandy turns into a machine this time of year churning out meeting after meeting. She always goes above and beyond planning out tiny details, gifts, and activities for the ladies. The house has been piling up with all of these gifts and theme decorations.

Prayer Requests:

1. Please pray for my lower back, it began to act up again with more symptoms into both feet.
2. Please pray for wisdom in raising the rest of the money needed to complete the building.
3. Please pray for the women's retreat that is right around the corner.
4. Please pray for the 18 students already signed up for the August semester.