Community In Acts Update

August 31, 2026

Heb.13:9 "Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings. It is good for our hearts to be strengthened by grace, not by ceremonial foods, which are of no value to those who eat them."

Apparently there were an abundant amount and variety of strange teachings. Many of those strange new teachings were most likely linked to ceremonial foods. In contrast to the admonishment to 'not be carried away' is the unchanging character of Jesus Christ. Who, in the book of Hebrews, is repeatedly shown to be better than angles, supreme and the exact representation of God Almighty. I have noticed over the years that most heresies are linked to a misunderstanding of Jesus Christ. As we adhere to Scripture, we will both rightly understand Jesus Christ and less likely be carried away with new, strange and varied teachings. Nor will those who sit under our teachings.

Students

Our students started to arrive yesterday. We had our first service under an almond tree and it was a special time. Last night we ate elotes (corn on the cob). Down here they like to put mayonnaise, parmesan and salt on the corn - not my favorite. Today we will be getting the students situated in their rooms. Tomorrow is orientation, and I will teach the first class on Spiritual Life starting Wednesday. I will be using class notes from Puebla Bible Seminary as well as from Jerry Bridges and Dallas Willard.

Building

Most of the windows are in. We now need four external doors. Part of the deal was mosquito screens on all windows. He has not delivered that and we now have students sleeping in the rooms. We do not have electricity yet. There is only one working toilet. Yesterday the students helped put the bunkbeds together that Mike Contreras and his team built in my garage several months ago. The flooring is still being installed. Today we will be installing internal doors, make our own screens for the rooms the students are in and install toilets and shower heads. Again, it all seems a bit overwhelming. However, this is the time when God works and goes beyond what we ever hoped for.

Exchange Rate

The Dollar is rapidly losing to the Peso. We continue to send down international transfers. The Dollar/Peso is at an all time low. We still owe money for windows (12K) and solar system (62k). The Peso dropped from 21-1 to now 17-1. We need help.

Prayer Requests:

1. The students are young, nervous and home sick please pray for wisdom in knowing how to console.
2. Please pray that we can get the rooms functioning well for the students.
3. Please pray for funding to complete the building.
4. Please pray for the safety of both students and workers.