Community In Acts

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Phil. 1:8-10 "God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.
9 And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, 10
so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, 11
filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

Your prayers for others are a good indicator of how spiritually healthy you are. Those of us that have been in and around church most of our lives can accumulate many hurts, frustrations, disappointments from fellow believers. I believe Paul's affection for the believers started with Jesus' affection and were so mingled that Jesus' affections permeated Paul's affections, to the point that Paul's affections were Christ's affections. Paul's prayer for the believers demonstrates a deep concern for their heart, mind and holiness. I pray that we are praying just a thoroughly for those believers that God has allowed into our lives.

Students

There is so much expectation of what God is doing here at Emerald Coast. While teaching, there is the 'half-smile look' when the lights come on and the student understands the passage we are teaching. I am witnessing that learning moment every day. They are excited to learn God's Word and are excited to learn about drilling. This weekend we had the students give two shots to all of the animals to deworm and give vitamins - they loved it. By God's grace, it's happening and we are trilled to have this opportunity.

This will be the third week of teaching. It will also be the third teacher our students will be exposed to. I love the fact that our students will experience a variety of teachers. I truly believe this will deepen and broaden their educational experience. This week, Jabir will be their teacher. He always does a great job and I know our students will learn under him.

Building

No external doors, no electricity and the flooring is 40% finished. The students have functioning bathrooms, mosquitos and lot's of dust in each room. Every internal door has a different measurement, some differing upwards to four inches. This makes installation very difficult. When it rains, the first floor fills up with cows. It also fills up with cow residue. I know we are creating some unique memories, but I also know it was not our original plan. Someone once said, "If you want to make God laugh tell Him your plans."

Solar

We transferred down 62k to the Solar power company. That is half of the overall payment. They have showed me pictures of the batteries, inverters and panels. They are claiming that they are waiting for the aluminum structure to arrive. It is a bit unnerving to send down that large of a payment and get nothing for over a month. If is also very frustrating that we are without electricity in the building. They are now informing us that they are planning on being here at the end of the month and that installation will require two weeks.

PA

I will be taking off this Friday to PA to have a family reunion and meet Mr. Titus. This is our annual family reunion and it is something we all look forward to every September. Unfortunately, Zach and Julie will not be able to make it this year.

Prayer Requests:

1. Please pray for our students to continue to learn and grow. They are being stretched.
2. Please pray for the necessary funding to finish the building.
3. Please pray for us to get Solar power soon.
4. Please pray for our fledgling church that we are starting on Sunday mornings at Emerald Coast.

