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Dear Praying friends and supporters;

WOW! We have really been able to pack lot into these two months, with the Lord's help. My leaving from the US was delayed by one week because of some big swelling on Robin's right cheek. She ended up needing a root canal and filling. Praise the Lord for providing a great dentist, the funds to pay him with, and for everything going smoothly.

Being a week late getting to the house we were still able to get ready for going to Bro. Humer's house to drill a well. The well drilling went great. The Lord brought in the rains on Saturday and Sunday evening, which helped us to be able to get further up the creek closer to Bro. Humer's house. Just when the boat bottomed out and we were preparing to unload, the Lord sent a big rainstorm through and raised the creek level enough that we made it within 300 yards of the house. Getting that close saved us a whole day's work of carrying all the equipment about a mile and a half up a path. That allowed us to get started drilling on Monday instead of Tuesday. By Tuesday morning we had reached the depth that we had to stop at, and we put in the casing and poured the cement for the pump base. Wednesday morning after preaching in their service, we were able to get the pipes in the ground and the pump secured, so that afternoon we loaded up and headed back to the house. https://youtu.be/fMTZRj6PYmU This is a link to the video we did about the well drilling if you are interested in seeing more about it.



The well going so good allowed me to have more time to prepare for the river trip. So, on Sunday night/Monday morning, 12:00 am on the 28th, Bro. Intimo and I pulled out headed for Pansana. The motor did great, the weather was mostly calm, the moon was bright! We made it to the takeout point by 3:00 a.m. and had time to get everything unloaded, fix Intimo some coffee, and rest a bit before the truck got there at 6:00 to carry us over to the river. By 7:30 we were on our way, the long tail making a huge difference in navigating the river. Also, it uses a lot less gas than the 2-stroke 40 hp. At 2:30 pm we were pulling into the landing in Pansana with 7 gallons of gas still in the tank.

In Pansana we held adult classes on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings. I had prepared a theme for each night. "In The Beginning", "The Godhead", and "The Fall of Satan". We were excited to have 12 people the first night, 6 the second, and 13 on Thursday. We were able to do two mornings of kid's club. (the schoolteacher has not been there for 2 months) By the second day all of the kids in the village came out for the 2 hours of class and games. We had 12 the first day and 16 the second. We had songs, coloring books, games, snacks, and a lesson.



I was discouraged after our last trip to Pansana because we only had two or three people come to the meetings all week. When we were unloading on Monday, I had taken a load up to the house and was walking back to the river when 4 little girls saw me and yelled "the Gringo!!" They came and gave me big hugs telling me they were so glad I came and asking if we were going to have class. (Made my day!)

Our trip home on Friday went good as well. We had extra cargo and so were running slower, taking 13 hours to get home, but we praise the Lord for safety and for no breakdowns.

On top of that, on Monday, Oct 5th, “ROBIN MADE IT HOME!!”. Praise the Lord, her trip went great as well. She left the US on Thursday while I was upriver and was able to get things done in La Ceiba before flying out here on Monday. NOW all of that stuff I did not clean is getting cleaned (whether we use it or not). We are also excited to have a young lady from our church in the US, Miss Heidi, with us till the last part of November. She is a great help to Robin in the work.

The extra cargo that we had coming back on the river trip was a well pump that was not being used. The water was brackish, so people were walking down to the spring to get good fresh water. I was able to bring this pump back here and replace a heavily used one with this heavy-duty galvanized pump. The one I replaced went to another community with less people to replace the first pump that I had fabricated. It was not fairing too well under stress, so the update was great for the small community.

We were able to do some updates to our church building here. We bought rough cut 2 x 10 ’s and had them cut in to lathing strips to make lattice work around our church building. It will help keep the rain from blowing in as freely but still allows us to have a breeze (and it will keep our chickens out of the church building).

I began the last week of October working on the main road in our village. Finally, after several months getting approval from the mayor, I was able to start dragging the road, filling in the deep places and leveling it off some. I have only gotten about a half mile of the road done so far but it is already much nicer than when I started.

During this month, Robin and Miss Heidi have been working on Sunday school materials, printing pictures, laminating them, and writing the lessons that can be used by both Robin and Bro. Levis’ wife. They have also worked tirelessly getting the house cleaned, organized, and running great.

A man and woman in the mission church in Tikuabila who have gotten saved in this last year have determined that they need to get married. They have been together for more than 8 years and have several kids but after getting saved they realized they needed to fix this. I offered to help them do it in January or February, but they decided they needed to get married November 15th (don’t want to wait). So, we have agreed to purchase, fix and serve the food for 100 people. They are going to their family members getting clothes and decorations for the wedding. We will be putting up the tent on the church property and hosting the wedding there in Tikuabila. They have asked that I make up the ceremony and along with Pastor Levis we will perform the wedding. We praise the Lord for the testimony they are being to others who have made professions of faith but have not done anything about fixing their marital status. Praying that others will follow suit.

The processing of the radio permission is continuing to go forward. We have already been through 17 of “I don’t know how many” offices that it will go through to be completed. We have already passed the stage of having confirmed permission. Now we are going through the technical offices getting the final approval for the location, equipment, and construction. We are looking at a $14,000.00 price tag for the Rohn 45 g 160’ radio tower, plus about $5,000.00 shipping. We were able to purchase the anchors for the tower. They are enroute and should be here by the first of November. If the Lord provides, we may try to get them in the ground in December and be ready for the purchase of the tower. Once again, we praise the Lord for bringing dreams to reality.

We praise the Lord for an older man getting saved this month! The Lord had impressed my heart to preach about “His Great Love”. At the end of the service before I could do the closing prayer, Madisin stood up and asked if he could come get saved. He is the first that we have had to get saved during a service. Most wait till after to come forward. Praise the Lord! We are already getting started having classes with him to try and strengthen him in these first months of Christian growth.

Thank you all for your prayers for us. The Lord has truly blessed and helped us in these busy days.

In His Service,
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