

Dear Pastor and Prayer Supporter,

As we approach the beginning of a new year, we would like to take time and remember everything that the Lord has done for us. We often make the dangerous mistake to live unsatisfied of His present blessings and provision, to let discontentment warp our perceptions, and to think that we are somehow worthy of His calling. More often than we should, we forget to look backwards and remember His immense and miraculous working in our lives, sometimes failing to recognize it at all. Before 2024 begins and we get caught up in the busyness of the ministry, we want to pause and thank Him for the incredible doors He has so graciously led our family through in 2023.

In January, we jumped headfirst into a list of projects. We began planning for several new construction developments on the property, including the second staff cabin. The second week, I served as bus driver for a camp held for the young people of Iglesía Bautista Belén. The Lord graciously kept the military ministry open to us, and we continued visiting the capital city every Thursday with Bro. Tate to preach to the soldiers, through which we've seen many come to know the Lord. We hosted a Children's Day at the beginning of February at our facility for kids from the church and community alike, and a special branch of the local police force brought a bouncy house and joined us. The three gentlemen who helped purchase this land visited, and the Holy Spirit knit our hearts together in a common vision for the future. March brought an opportunity to hold a men's meeting at the training center, and over two dozen men from the church, including missionaries and pastors, were in attendance. In early April, my wife and daughter, with our pastor's wife, visited a local school for activities and face-painting. Later, my sons and I held a day on property for the construction workers, including Rigo and Enger, with airsoft, food, and a chance to share the gospel. Towards the end of the month, we flew to Peru with a team from our home church, passing out hundreds of thousands of gospel tracts in the heart of Lima and visiting local churches for two weeks.

In the middle of May, my son and I drove to El Salvador on invitation of a fellow missionary to preach and teach at a several-day conference. As June approached, we scheduled a bulldozer to prepare a portion of land for a soccer field. Within a week, we had an area cleared out and ready for a work team. At that time, my family and I were also finalizing the second cabin before the pastors' conference. On July fourth, my sons and I, a group of men from the church, and a special community division of police worked to prepare the soccer field, clearing out rocks and debris and planting grass seed. Shortly afterwards, we helped the Tate family with a large missions group from a supporting church. My son and I spent that time with an experienced gentleman from the group and learned how to professionally make cabinets. A short week later, we hosted our annual pastors' training conference, with over two hundred attendees. In August, when the Tates returned home for furlough, I, through the translating of my oldest son Dakota, began teaching through the doctrine of salvation with the presidential guard and saw a great response. At the beginning of September, we hired on brothers Rigo and Enger full-time for landscape maintenance, repairs, and construction around the property. A week later, we were asked to dress up in costumes for a kids' day at the church, and around a dozen children made professions of faith.

The first week of October, my oldest son and I drove to Nicaragua, and I taught a 3-day conference on the Biblical philosophy of music at a church. The Lord also provided Dakota with the opportunity to give a salvation presentation at their school. Shortly afterwards, my family and I flew back for our home missions conference. We then joined a team from Faith and flew to Mexico the first week of November to help with a pastors' conference in León, in which my entire family was able to be a part. After returning home, we continued construction projects around the property. Throughout the year, we were visited by local pastors, missionaries, and police who were in need of BLMF Bibles and New Testaments, which we are so grateful we can distribute.

Once again, we are blown away by the unexpected ways in which the Lord has allowed us to minister. We can only remain grateful of His ever-present grace and mercy in our lives, and we pray we remain malleable in His hands to do His will in 2024!

For His Glory, The Lane Family I Cor 16:9

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