

An Update from the Field

Feb. – Mar. 2013

Many things have been accomplished since my last visit in Nov. I was happy to see that the security fence and the main gate to the building had been installed. The 5000 gallon fresh water tank and three septic tanks are in. Also in place are all the windows, walkways, railings, some electrical work, sidewalks, curbs and the parking lot.

I had just five working days to prepare for the two works teams that were coming. When they arrived, the work accomplished was unbelievable! We now have the water system completed from the street to the building and the piping is ready for plumbing fixtures (thanks to Duane Tinholt, Nick Weeber, and Phil Schaap).

In a few days, painters applied sealer and painted the entire interior, including 22 classrooms, six bathrooms, five offices, five storage rooms, kitchen and lunchroom. They finished and said, “Now can we do the courtyard too?” (thanks to John Lawrence, John Jr., Eric Pena).

While this was going on, a team of steel workers welded trusses and erected them for the carport. They also designed, framed, and poured the cement counter top for the serving area in the kitchen (thanks to Bob Harmsen, Bruce Masopust, Jim Smits, Steve DeBoer).

The month I spent working closely with Pastor Ramon, the teams, and the local workers was truly a blessing. Thanks to all of you for your support and to God for His continued faithfulness.

Ron Brouwer



The Mayor Visits

In March, Ron and Jane had the privilege of meeting with Presidente Ramon Rodriguez (mayor) and his wife Vanessa of Miguel Alemán. He is very supportive of Eagle College and acknowledges the school's high scholastic achievements as well as its positive influence on the city. The mayor and his wife have donated several small trees for students to plant in the school yard. Vanessa is talking to the kids about putting roots down deep and watering the tree so the tree will be strong in the future. Then she explains to the kids how their education at Eagle College will make them strong for the future – just like the tree.



From Work Team Members

Once again we see God choosing to raise up His work in a place most of us would never think possible. I can truly say that what once looked impossible for man (No way! Too dangerous, too costly, too big, too far away!), now is gazed upon with amazement as God is proving again that all things are possible with Him. The Eagle College project is testimony that God will faithfully supply all we need when we trust and wait on Him. Though the time I spent there was too short, it was filled with wonderful experiences and rich blessings. I was truly honored to be a guest of and become friends with some of the finest of God's servants. Eagle College stands as a beacon of light and hope in this border city, a city that has experienced far more than its share of violence and upheaval in recent years. God is working His plan in Miguel Alemán, but it will only come to fruition through continued giving, sacrifice, sweat, and the prayerful trust of His people.

Phil and Mary Schaap, Hamilton, MI

I am reminded of God's faithfulness as the sun warms the cool morning air. While I stand outside the entrance to Eagle College a feeling of excitement grips me, then I am humbled by the memory of the stories I have heard and the pictures I have seen. The thought of so many people working together by the leading of the One we serve to accomplish a good work. After being lead along by a consistent nudge I found myself standing on site; the place I would call “my work place” for a week. I wanted to use the gifts and abilities that God gave me to be a blessing. Good intentions right?

As with many man-made plans and goals God has a way of exposing them to be inferior and reveals His plans and goals which are always better.

Work got done and everyone was grateful for that, however much more happened. Men were changed for the better. God showed himself over and over revealing His faithfulness and love through His people. Seeds were planted, new relationships were formed, young relationships were strengthened and old relationships rekindled. I have been blessed by having met Pastor Ramon and his wife Leti and have experienced God's great love for his children (adults included) through the faithfulness of their service. I have also been blessed by the passion and zeal Ron has for the future of the children that will be attending the new school.

Jim Smit



The students at Rose Park School led by teacher Sheila Dokter, knew that Eagle College needed more chairs and desks for their new school. With the theme, “showing God's love to others”, they collected \$3,380.21 in the month of February. Using the cost of \$25 per chair, each classroom stacked up chairs as the money was collected. What an awesome way to show God's love!

New School Needs

As the opening of Eagle College becomes reality, many things are needed for it to function. Will you or your group consider a donation towards one of these items? Please contact a board member.

- stove
- refrigerator
- freezer
- microwave
- grill
- pots and pans
- whiteboards
- folding chairs/tables



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Spring 2013



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