

Project 101 is a new creation

The SFTHMin team left on Nov 29, 2024 for our 30th trip to Nicaragua. Mary and I left several days early to locate materials to furnish the bathrooms and build shelves in the storage room. Finally after years of our tools being scattered from project to project they are home safe and sound. We spent a lot of time locating bathroom fixtures but it happened. On this trip we finished several minor issues and moved all the computers, tables, chairs and office

equipment to the new classrooms. We built dividers for the computers creating a bit of privacy helping each student to stay focused. Every classroom was furnished with a 4'X6' marker board, a small desk and a wall cabinet. The picture of Steve 25 ft in air and looking into the water tank, well lets just say the risk was worth it to settle a minor discussion.

On Dec 6th we had the dedication service. Food and gifts for the students and their parents and close relatives. We found some really nice bibles to give out for achievement awards. We also furnished the attendees with toothbrushes and of course beanie babies. It was a happy time. Feeding 150 people in Nicaragua is no small feat, but with our team calling in some re-enforcement it all worked smoothly. The students, their families as well as the SFTHMin team went from classroom to classroom declaring a blessing on each room.

Our senior class performed a worship dance for us, very talented. Our team had the chance to pray and bless each family.

God has Blessed us with the best teachers, committed team, construction workers, and partners as we stay true to our Vision, "Educating the underprivileged children, Spirit, Soul, and Body". WE SAY THANK YOU!!

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Let the New Creation Shine

The Trip and Transition Phase for Project #101

As you have been following our journey with Project #101 through our newsletters you can see the last 18 months have been a building and growing process. In our newsletters we have kept you updated on our construction trip last spring. During that trip we replaced the roof, installed gutters, bought all the tile and grout, and prepped for the completion of the project.

During the SFTHMin trip in Dec 2024 we fixed many small details, built storage shelves, did the final cleaning and moved in. Its beautiful, the bathrooms fixtures are installed, the roof vents are spinning, each classroom is secure with its own security door, the office is air conditioned, security cameras are watching every corner 24/7, commodes that flush, cleaning sink, and the list goes on.

Thank You donors and prayer warriors for standing with us during this process.

SFTHMin has envisioned our own building for 15 years and now it's happened. We can store our tools, have a place to do business, have a place to call "Our Place". Every other construction project was given to the local church after it was completed. All our tools had to stay at the last place while building the next place, it was complicated.

Now that we have room to breathe; we are brainstorming on how to implement new classes. We are planning night adult English classes, music theory classes, musical instrument classes, and worship team organizing. Our goal is to occupy every classroom daily. Many of the adult students are going to need more time to first learn computer skills. As I was watching one of our original students playing the lead guitar in the praise team in Leslie's church, it was encouraging to see the fruit produced by God-given persistence and a great team of donors.



I am a New Creation

I get calls almost weekly from men and women here in the free-world that have just been released from incarceration; wanting to go back into jail and prison to share their testimony. We Love you and believe in you, We are encouraged by your success but really your resources are needed more here on the outside,



providing for those recently released with community and friendship. I know that John wrote in Revelation 12:11 that we overcome the accuser by the Blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony. First the Blood of the Lamb and then confessing the goodness of God by His works through us.

Several weeks ago my wife and I dropped by a local restaurant to try out some highly acclaimed catfish. Just before we got our food I saw a gentleman coming out of the kitchen with an apron on that I knew and ministered to 20 years ago in the county jail. He came and sat down by me and got all choked up when he was thanking me for

the times I listened to his story and prayed with him while in Jail. I asked him why he was cutting up fish and washing dishes and he told me he owns the restaurant. I listened to his story of the last 20 years, we met his wife and ate his amazing gumbo. This is the testimony that will put meat on your spiritual bones. How he studied the Bible I gave him, how he never missed chapel while in prison, how he married a God-fearing woman and how he loves his church the last 20 years in the free-world.

I know you are all full of vigor and all gung-ho to help but the most powerful tool you have is walking with a brother that has just been released and sharing the tools of how you made it. Help him get a job, make sure he has a ride to meetings, make sure he has a way to get his license and that he has a roof over his head. Reach out for someone still in the ditch. While they are in jail all their needs are met and they don't want for food or shelter, but when they step off that bus with 50 bucks in their pocket is when **they need you**. Many have no family, become their family they never had.

After 31 years of serving in the county jail we hear of a lot of sad stories, many are pure and many are nothing more than excuses. SFTHMin's work is inside the jail (according to state jail and TDCJ rules) is not allowed to assist any former inmate upon their release. I am confident that there are enough former inmates on the outside to step up and lend a hand to those being released. Men and women your testimony is spoken loud and clear when you are providing for those in need.

The fields are white with fruit, ready for harvest. God's Word has equipped us to be the gleaners.



"Be tolerant of those who have lost their path"

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New Nature / Creation?

Meditating through the Book of Romans, I was caused to wonder why Paul used Tertius (the scribe) to write while he dictated. The Greek language is one of the most complex languages to be written and learned. There are 6 symbols for the letter "f". In 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3 he was warning against misinterpreting written letters. So Paul was cautious in articulating his message with accuracy. To me this explains why he used a "scribe" to write greek for him.



The book of Romans is a masterpiece on the subject of Grace. Based on my research I am confident that Tertius wrote with accuracy but Paul's message is so close to the line of disgrace that I see many Christians backing way off to make sure they don't cross the line. In the first 6 chapters he is very plain that once a person becomes "born again" he becomes a "new creation". The old original sin nature is then dead and no longer has authority over us.

Lemme quit before I get too deep with this subject. I want this piece to be an encouragement to you that if are compassed with guilt, condemnation, or regret, still or quiet yourself and read the first 9 chapters of the book of Romans. Its OK to use several different versions of the Bible to create a broader revelation of how the nature of wrath is dead and we are no longer under its authority; but we still breach God's principles.

Ten years ago I started on a journey to discover the nature of God. I bought a 100 page tablet that has 25 lines on each side of each page resulting into 5000 lines per tablet. I started with a simple bible reading program that assigns a reading everyday in the Old and New Testament. I dissected all 31,102 verses in search who God is. My first trip through the Bible I filled 3 tablets and part of the 4th one with approx. 17,250 entries. Now I started the project over and I am about half-way through the whole Bible again. This journey has given me a new set of lenses to interpret the Bible through. For years I would hunt and peck for interpretation but this Genesis to Revelation perspective has been the core of understanding scriptures.

The people I minister to every Sunday are such a diverse crowd. Some are deep in denominational theology, some cannot read, some don't know Old from the New Testament. But with a solid scope of the characteristics of God it gives me the tools to break complex issues apart. My point is Paul was concerned with accuracy in explaining the most complex issues. Only being aware of the "hotpockets" in the Bible can get you in a corner really quick when ministering to a diverse crowd.

Study the character of God **to live**, not to teach or preach. Lets let our lives show the nature, the character of God and that is what 2 Timothy 2:15 says will get the approval of God.

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*You are so Valued by
Blessings
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