

Project 101 is Birthing



Last newsletter I posted pictures of Project 101, in this section of the letter I will continue the progress including the construction trip in April. All the work is done off of ladders so it can become time consuming. Once we found the materials and got them delivered to the location the work started to take shape. The



SFTHMin team from the US was used to doing things differently but we worked well with the natives and the work was finished with excellence. Our team picked out the tile and had it delivered, ready to install once all the concrete work is completed.

By Saturday we were ready for a break and met our students for classes, As of now there 32 students divided into several groups according to ages and academic development. Every trip we take our students a beanie baby as a small gift. Every class gets a bible lesson as part of their studies. Each group of students gets an oral session while the other groups are doing English session on the computers. The younger students get hands on with story telling in English and well as sentence structure. After classes on Saturday SFTHMin provided everyone with pizza, chips and cupcakes.



The goal for constructing Project 101 in Xiloa is leaving these students in their own community and not having to bus them every week. Most of our students are from Xiloa close by Project 101. God has Blessed us with the best teachers, committed team, construction workers, and friends as we stay true to our Vision, "Educating the underprivileged children, Spirit, Soul, and Body".

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A Blessed Trip



I literally don't know where to start reporting about our trip to Xiloa. Last newsletter we wrote on all we proposed to do, and now I can report on all we have completed. This was SFTHMin 29th trip and was very productive. Our team is still learning as we go, so we have restructured the way we do construction on the projects. The SFTHMin team decided to hire locals that are skilled to start the work under our jurisdiction

before we arrive. When we arrive we will navigate the workers through strategic phases of the projects. This took a large amount of stress off of our team. On other projects we utilized 10/25 unskilled volunteers each day and attempted to build Rome in one day. Even though they were dedicated and worked vigorously to learn and satisfy us, many times projects turned out substandard.



SFTHMin first phase team left on March 30 and the second phase arrived on April 7th and we all returned home on April 14th. The workers had already poured all the floors and sidewalks when we arrived. Our focus was a new roof. Insulation in Nicaragua is the same cost as the new roof panels. So

team #1 started measuring panels, buying flashing and screws, then hitting the trail to find enough insulation in Managua to complete the project. Here in the US materials are available but in a developing country materials are scarce and it is a time consuming hunt to find them. For 3 days all we did was scoured the city securing materials. Wednesday the guys had painted most of the purlins so we started removing the old roof panels. The building was new but the contractor had found some old roof panels and they were very substandard, A well insulated and dry roof is very important for us as we house precious people and also computers. In the pictures you are going to notice all the security bars, floors, and sidewalks the workers finished before our team arrived. They are on the metric scale and we are on the American scale so when we read a tape measure we had to think US but speak metric.



A Straight Structure

I had a service man come through our office and he saw several 1000 copies of discipleship courses stacked on the table in our office ready to be bound. He asked me a question that has really made me think, the question was "why are you spending hundreds of hours and thousands of dollars on these discipleship courses? I gave him the long answer, #1 knowledge, #2 understanding, #3 application. Why has recidivism been so rampant among the incarcerated population?



#1 Knowledge / Information: First a person must know the truth, not tradition, not religion, not men's idea, not the smooth words from a charismatic preacher, not the side notes in a smooth leather bound study bible. So how do I know Truth? 2 Tim 2:15 says to study to show ourselves approved. Approved means accepted, not ashamed, accurately handling the Word of truth. Mark 16:20 Signs, wonders and miracles follow the Truth. A solid foundation; not of sand or silt but of stable mature facts in the Word of God, spoken and written.

#2 Understanding / Comprehension : Matt 13:19, Jesus spoke in parables to hide a truth from the ones that are really not interested in understanding. Those that are just following biblical principles for the benefits and not interested in becoming One with Christ. Knowing a truth and not understanding is an unstable place to be, because satan will come and snatch it away what you have. It's like seed or information that fell on hard/callused hearts and it never took root. Its like building a tower 8 stories tall and never getting the concept of it leaning because of unstable foundation.

#3 Application / Appropriation. You cannot appropriate or use information that you don't understand. You cannot use what you don't know you already have. It's like building a tower crooked because the base is not stable or level and ending up 12'10" out of plumb when we reach the 8th story. Why do people struggle with strongholds, addictions, habits, poor confessions, and the list goes on. From my experience it's not that they don't know or have never heard Truth, but it's that they have never really understood it. So people are at a loss on how to apply the Truth they know. The SFTHMin team has been cell to cell for 31 years giving information, Bible based Discipleship courses, books, Bibles, reading materials, doing monthly baptisms and the list goes on. Why do some re-vilolate within days of their release and they are full of Biblical information? The only Biblical answer is they really never understood and the seed never really took root and their building was built according to a crooked foundation.

Anything born prematurely or out of season takes more care and is easily uprooted. While you are incarcerated dig your foundation deep on solid clay, read slow and allow the Holy Ghost to speak to your soul allowing the seed, the Word to take root so there is no issue when it comes time to apply your information to any issue



"Quiet the body and the soul will speak."

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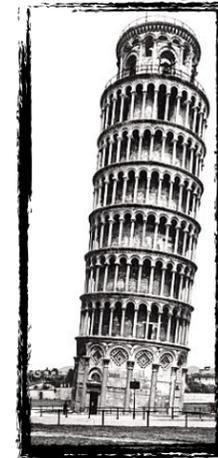


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A Solid Foundation

In Northern Italy there is a seaport town of Pisa. The name Pisa means a marshland or silt. The location was superb because of the access to the ocean which was the life blood of ancient commerce. The only issue was the whole peninsula was clay covered with a silt of unstable sand. Almost immediately the town was a hub of commerce and became a wealthy enterprise. The buildings began to be erected to showcase the wealth. Seven miles from the town there was a mountain of solid marble so marble became the



building structure material. Among the massive buildings there was built a Catholic Church and it needed a bell tower, In 1173 the construction began of the 14,700 metric ton tower. With an outer diameter of 50'9", 8' thick walls, 183' tall (8 stories), solid marble structure had 7 bells in the top story with one bell weighing 7,981lbs. This was a feat to build to say the least. After the first 2 stories were built their neighbors decided they wanted the territory so they waged war and the construction halted for 20 years. During this halt they noticed the tower was beginning to lean because of the unstable soil it was built on. When



construction began the builders decided to make the floors level by adding to the structure on the down side and this just added more weight causing the tower to lean more. The engineers decided to keep building and adding length to the down side which caused the tower to have a curve in the construction. Finally in 1372, 199 years after the construction started they set the bells in the top story. By this time the tower was leaning 12'10" out of plumb, it had moved 1/20 of an inch per year.

In 1990 they closed the tourism down and hired a guy to dig 42 bores under the high side of the foundation removing 72 tons of clay and the tower with the assistance of cables, straighten up 17.5", to its 1835 position. The story is much bigger then this but I will get to the point.

As I read this story I could see every part relate to the lives of the mass majority of christians today. Many know the Bible as a story but have a difficult time applying it in light of the new covenant that the death and resurrection of Jesus appropriated for us. Isaiah 9:6 tells us that the Child coming to the earth will have a government on His shoulders. Once He came, He realized quickly that the structure of the religious system was built on an unstable foundation, So Jesus not only dealt with a curved structure but a unstable foundation built on sand, or works. My point is John 14:6 that Jesus is the Way, the Truth, the Life, that is a foundation we can build a straight structure on. Don't just keep building curved stories on the a unstable foundation of your life. Start over today.

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