

Project 101 is Birthing



The first major challenge was designing and constructing the water system. All the concrete is mixed on site so an ample amount of water was an important part of the plan. During the summer months the well that supplies the neighborhood goes dry, so around 6:00PM to 6:00AM there is only a trickle of water and none at

all during the day. Because there is not enough water pressure to fill the tank, a pump/float system had to be rigged up. (Did mention rigged up?)

Next all the electrical boxes had to be set and conduit chiseled into the walls. This was a labor-intensive project because of the concrete walls. Getting plenty of receptacles for all our computers is of utmost importance.

Next all the walls had to be plastered which is an art that is relative to the Central American culture. How they do it is a mystery to me. They free-hand plaster over the block walls.

Next I engineered a storm drain to make sure the bathrooms and office don't get flooded during Nicaragua's rainy season. The SFTHMin team has experienced several torrential rain storms and they are not easy to forget.

Next was pouring concrete floors in all the classrooms and pouring all the sidewalks. All these mentioned projects are complete.

APRIL 2024 CONSTRUCTION TRIP

A SFTHMin team will leave on March 31 2024 and return on April 14 2024. This will be a split construction trip. One half of our team or the prep team will be there for 2 weeks, while the other half of the team will be on-site for 1 week. Our focus is to set the electrical service panel and run all the wiring, replace the sub-standard roof panels, insulate before we re-install the new roof panels, install gutters, and paint purlins. Contact me asap to secure your spot. [office@sftthmin.com]. I am in the middle of putting budgets

together for each phase for you to sponsor if you would rather participate from here in the US.

Thank You for supporting Project 101.

Sponsor a Student Today

Students are available for sponsorship at \$40.00 per month with a 1] year commitment. You will not be sponsoring a certain student, but a student body. Leslie is compensated based on the number of students, so as our student body grows the cost of operations grow accordingly.

As stated in this newsletter our website <http://www.sftthmin.com/donate.php> is in creation, Email me and I will supply a link for recurring billing.



The Vision Continues



This page and page #4 is a continuation of the news of Project 101 in Xiloa Nicaragua. In the last newsletter the future of Project 101 was only a dream; but as of this week we will make the last payment as we close the paperwork. Payments, what's up with payments? Much has transpired since our Aug 2023 trip with the government of Nicaragua. I can't really voice details publicly but it's been a challenge to get the amount of money needed to buy a property wired and secured to the seller. God has given SFTHMin so much favor during this process and we were able to send bi-monthly payments to the seller. During the last 6 months we have been able to complete a large portion of the construction needed to finish the building. This is a task that requires daily communication between the SFTHMin team here in the US and the SFTHMin team in Nicaragua. This the 6th construction undertaking for SFTHMin in Nicaragua. With the modern technology this project has been much more successful because we have pictures and daily communication with the SFTHMin team in Nicaragua. Everything pertaining to construction is so different in a developing country.

With this building completed our students are going to be much safer and they will be served much better. There will be ample room to expand and accommodate other endeavors. On page #4 I will explain our upcoming trip as well as projects waiting for sponsorship.

Our student count is the same as 2023 because we have no room to expand in Managua at the current location where we are having classes. Once Project101 is completed and occupied our transportation expense will be cut in half, because most of our students live within walking distance of project101.

This is our 20th year of working in Nicaragua. Tonight I was double-checking our passports getting ready for the next trip and counted 28 trips, next month we take our 29th trip. (More details on page #4)



Who or what makes you "WHO" you are

God Jehovah sovereignly identified each of His creation with an assignment, a wisdom. Last newsletter I mentioned that I believe the thickest fog on the lenses of our hearts is a wrong concept of the true nature of God.

First off is that; He never leaves us.

I believe a misconception of the nature of God is the primary reason for the lack of spiritual passion that has snuck into religious circles. Are we His habitation, are we a sermon in shoes, are we the only Jesus that many will ever see? My goal is instead of reading the Bible / Scriptures, is to allow the Bible / Scriptures to read me. Allow the lens I see the nature of God through, to be unbiased to my former belief system. To allow the scriptures to search every corner of my soul and to report back to me where the fear lies. When the scriptures read us, there will be a clear view of our identity, our yes, our assignment. Many times I read and study the scriptures to preach a sermon, instead of studying the scriptures to live by them, then to preach out of a lifestyle.



With this part of the newsletter, the Bible clearly explains that our "Father" does not walk in and out of our Spirit. Rom 8:15, Gal 4:6, 1 Chr 28:20, Heb 13:5-6, Matt 28:20, and the list goes on. Under the old covenant many of the writers indicated that God had left them and withdrew His Holy Spirit, but we do not live in that dispensation anymore. He now lives and breathes through us, He tabernacles (John 1:14) or dwells in us. In Gen 3 when Adam and Eve sinned, disobeyed, or separated from God, they hid themselves. God never hid from them but He pursued them and provided a way to reconcile mankind back into relationship with Him. I like that word reconcile a lot.

Understanding the true nature of God is absolutely vital to understand our true identity. And it's not that complicated just look at the life of Jesus, He is the express image of His Father Jehovah. Col 1:13-15, John 14:6-10, John 1:18, Heb 1:2-3, Phil 2:6 the list of references could take up pages. The issue is humanity allows relationships, our jobs, our spouses, our financial status, etc. to set our identity.

There are only 2) fears that every human is born with and those are the fear of being dropped and the fear of loud noises. Every other fear is taught by earth / humans. Every fear can be untaught, FOR EVERY GOLIATH THERE IS A STONE. Something happened here on earth that created the fear that grips you. You can allow it to possess you or you can allow God to dismantle it. You can allow a fear to set your identity in place or you can study the life of Jesus, understand the true nature of your Father God and allow His Spirit to reveal who you really are. Not a long paragraph, just one sentence or maybe one or two words.



"The privilege of a lifetime is to become who you really are."

March 3

Lamar Co Jail

March 10

Lamar Co Jail

March 17

Lamar Co Jail

March 24

Lamar Co Jail

March 31

Nica Mission Trip

April 7

Nica Mission Trip

April 14

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April 21

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Discipleship Courses / Jail

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SFTHMin is in its 32nd year of ministering in our local county jail. The county commissioner that built the jail was definitely a visionary. Instead of a regular-sized jail he built a local jail / prison. One section of our jail has the security to house state offenders. If the offender requests to do state prison time locally and the judge grants it they can do a 10-year sentence here locally. We usually have an average population of 150 which includes men and women. The SFTHMin team coordinates the Bible distribution, weekly Sunday worship services, and discipleship courses.

For many years I have looked into every nook and cranny for solid, accurate, inspiring discipleship materials.

In the mid 90's a friend was attending a Bible college and he was bringing me VCRs of the classes. I still have a wall of them as well as cassettes in my office.

Several years ago a pastor friend invited the SFTHMin team to attend a minister's conference at this same Bible college. I immediately connected with their prison/jail support team and they made their Bible courses available to us. With much trial and error and the help from my alumni friend, we put together the most incredible 11 course discipleship material available.

Facilitating the materials is a whole new challenge, a donor purchased a new copy machine and we worked the bugs out of the plan. Immediately the plan took traction and we were overwhelmed. A local church asked for us to come and share the work God was doing through SFTHMin. That morning a family with a servants heart volunteered to print and tape lessons. We bought another new copy machine and placed it in their house and downloaded the lesson files to them. With every bible given away we include the first 16 bible lessons, a yearly bible reading plan, post cards and several mini-books. YOU our donors are making this effort possible so I want to give you a bit of an update on our progress in 2023 alone.

Bibles distributed - 366

Graduation certificates - 239

Children's Bible Storybooks - 126

Toothbrushes at Christmas - 158

Copies made - 137,546

Baptisms - 39

Christmas cards - 474

Tubes of Toothpaste - 158

We can't say enough concerning our volunteers that help us weekly printing discipleship courses and publishing newsletters. THANK YOU

Thank you donors for standing with us prayerfully and financially here at SFTHMin. We see and read each note you send us, we read every piece of mail that comes through our office. Each morning we pray over the prayer requests you send us. We know who you are.



*You are so Valued
& Appreciated
Mary*

*You are a light
Go light your world
Loln*