

Project 101 is Birthing

Original front property fence



Last newsletter I posted pictures of Project 101, in this section of the letter I will continue the progress including the construction since April. All the work is done by hand so it can become time consuming.

Empty door and window openings



It is equally as challenging to find the building materials and get them delivered to the location. Through the years SFTHMin's strategy has been refined as we are now hiring natives and monitoring their work for quality and efficiency.

Our next Planned Trip

The SFTHMin team will leave Nov 29 2024 for our 30th trip to Nicaragua, The mission is to finish several issues and start moving all the computers, tables, chairs and office equipment to the new classrooms. Our team will be attending classes with our students. On Dec 6th we will be having our Grand



Security doors and windows

Opening. Food, and games for the students and their parents.

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 Vision Birth

Some may ask why is so much of the SFTHMin newsletter focused on the overseas projects? It is against the law to photograph anything pertaining to the Texas prison system without strict rules and documented authorization. This includes the prison buildings even the signs in the front yards. So rather than pushing the envelope it's easier to use stock photos with news pertaining to jails and prisons. I have detailed news on the work behind the wire that the team here at SFTHMin is doing on page #2 of this newsletter.

The Last Construction Phase for Project #101

In August 2023 sitting at a table in Managua Nicaragua, after purchasing SFTHMin's first property, I agreed to managing another construction project. I knew from past construction projects that here in the US building materials are readily available, but in a developing country they are scarce and it is a time consuming hunt to find them. SFTHMin is in the last phase of our 5th construction endeavor and we can see the light at the end of the tunnel. Managing a construction project via WhatsApp takes a lot of integrity on both parties.



Project office with new furniture

I have to know the building materials available and the way they build in Nicaragua. The buildings appeared more complete then they really were. Skilled labor in Nicaragua is not priced like here in the US and work is all by hand and time-consuming. We did splurge and bought a gas powered concrete mixer.

In our last newsletter we had just returned from a 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. To complete a job and to get all the details finished and to get all the pieces to fit takes patience.

SFTHMin has had our own building in vision 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. (continued on the back page)



Seek Good Teachers

This page is for the incarcerated but also for anyone that has a will to succeed. The SFTHMin team has just completed our 31st year ministering in jails and prisons and we continue discovering what beautiful opportunities we have.



First step is during your transition time seek good teachers. In this page I want to share some do's and don'ts in allowing a teacher to influence you while your soul is being transformed with "truth".

Don't think the teacher you are looking for needs to be a former inmate. Great teachers don't rely on their past to "connect" with you. Setting in a prison cell does not qualify a teacher unless you want more of the same. I know you want to be understood, but the criteria should not be based on a personal experience but "Divine Biblical Revelation".

Don't break relationship with the teacher because he refuses to make a telephone call for you. Empathy YES, but pity NO. You are not looking for an enabler. You are looking for someone who is not swayed by the

consequences of your decisions. You are looking for someone that loves you enough to speak truth based on biblical principles. Someone who has sincere patience with you while you heal and transition. You are looking for someone who will not be moved by your current predicament; but go back to the place it all started and begin to help you undo the string that entangles you. Your teacher must help you drain your swamp and not just fight the current alligators that plague you.

You are not necessarily looking for someone older. The prisons and jails are full of older repeat offenders that are callused, hardened with ears that do not hear. You are not necessarily looking for someone younger, but look for credibility. Someone that has years of results working with the incarcerated people group, biblical experience is the bloodline. Someone that listens well without becoming a sponge for lies. Someone who communicates well so you can understand the voice of God as he sows seed into your soul.

Many behind the wire ask for study bibles. We don't distribute study bibles, we distribute bibles and discipleship courses. Study bibles are scary for me when divine God-breathed revelation is in the same column as a man's opinion that I have not thoroughly studied out. I have studied under the author of our discipleship courses for 30 years and his experience and revelation gives me total confidence as we teach from these courses.

Find a person who has no agenda as to why they are reaching out to you. Not to fill a church pew, not to get you to become a member of a church, not to get you into his/her program. This person is reaching for you because he/she is unable to ignore your current path. This teacher sees what you in your current situation cannot see. This teacher must patiently watch you become the "truth" you were created to be. This teacher's goal must be to have you surpass him/her and become independently strong for you to do the same to someone else still in the ditch.

Find someone that is confident and can settle a dispute but not be arrogant. Don't just grab a book off of the book cart and drink its juice unless you are biblically sound and can discern deception. You need to see your teachers facial expressions. There is nothing more rewarding than a smile from someone who has his/her hand in yours and is gently pulling you to safety.

What the hand does, the soul remembers. When the student is ready the teacher will appear



"Don't let yesterday take up too much of today"

Nov 3
Lamar Co Jail
Nov 10
Lamar Co Jail
Nov 17
Lamar Co Jail
Nov 24
Lamar Co Jail
Nov 29-Dec 8
Nicaragua Mission trip

Dec 15
Lamar Co Jail
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Dec 29
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Jan 5
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Jan 19
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Floor joists to build on

What is a floor joist, what does it do, is it important? I know the foundation is important and of course the roof, the windows and doors, but you walk, live, sleep, eat, play, etc on the floor. In this page I want to build 4) structural "floor joists" that sustained the early church during the transition between Christ and the birthing of the first "church".

This year many members of my family have experienced so many deaths and I see these families having to create new "normals". These deaths have left vacancies that if these families had not had a good floor structure they could have easily become bitter, hopeless and depressed. I have watched these families pull through these times and come out on the other side smiling. How? Because they had their feet on solid floors.

ACTS 2:42

In this verse there are 4) points of interest,

Apostle's doctrine: in the early church the Jews basically had the torah or the first 5 books of Moses referred to as the Law. During the days when the apostle's rubbed shoulders with Jesus they documented a lot of what we have today. The early church used these writings as one of the floor joists of the early church. Prepare yourself for transition by reading and adhering to the writings left by the apostles.

Fellowship: this thought is derived from the greek word is (koinonia) which refers to intimate communion. It means to pour from vessel to vessel. In any group there is always a collection of different colors of ideas, but as there is (koinonia) the group become one. As a family, insulate yourself for transition by pouring into each other. Fellowship takes effort to jointly contribute to each other.

Breaking of bread: This literally means eating a meal together, A survey shows that only 30% of American families eat together at least 5 times a week. The kitchen table is a great place to share dreams and fellowship. Have you ever attempted to eat with someone you were having an issue with? The early church went from house to house breaking bread, it was another floor joist that aligned them to embark on the great commission.

Prayers: This concept is simply addressing God. Jesus rebuked the Jews for praying non-sincere prayers then being unaccountable in living what they prayed. The Jews prayed for the wrong reasons. Strong families are quick to pray sincere prayers during good times so when challenges arise they are well armored and know how to address God in a sincere way. Prayer is not attempting to "move" God but an avenue to recognize what He has already done. Prayer is recognizing God has already gone before you and prepared the way, so don't let prayer be a begging match but a declaration of Faith as you receive. It's a vital floor joist as you insulate your life for transition.

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you are half way
there
Valm*