

Construction Continues on the Latin America Resource & Training Center

Stone Church Yakima (WA) MAPS Construction and Ministry Team

July 2-10... A mixed team of 19 men, women and youth advanced construction of the Latin America Resource and Training Center, laying perimeter block on the second floor and installing the suspended ceiling aluminum framing in the large classroom on the first floor.

Half of the team ministered to hundreds of children and youth at two schools, Oasis of Peace and Getsemani Good Shepherd Schools, with more than a dozen classroom visits and three chapel services. Half of the ministry team led children in making bracelets with five beads of different colors to represent the steps of salvation. The other half of the ministry team ministered to middle schoolers. The team also spent one day visiting another four other schools, visiting classrooms and handing out bracelets. Team leader Pastor Larry Malcolm ministered the word on Sunday and Friday.

Thank you, Pastor Larry and team, for your help with construction and your ministry to children and youth!

A Miracle Opportunity!

For the last few months we've shared that we need an additional \$75,000 to 100,000 to complete Phase One of the building. **We are happy to announce that we've been presented with a MIRACLE OPPORTUNITY... A Christian foundation is offering a \$50,000 matching donation!** We have until the end of the year to raise \$50,000 to secure this gift. So far, we've received \$8,000 in special donations towards this goal.

Please pray with us that these funds will be given by the end of the year. If you are able to help, please send your offerings to:

Assemblies of God World Missions
Latin America Resource & Training Center - Project 14295
1445 Boonville Ave.
Springfield, MO 65802

Phase One Building Nearing Completion

- In July and August we invested \$25,000 to pour the floor and block the final wall on the first story. We also built the first half of the stairwell.
- In September we will invest approximately \$10,000 in finishing the block work, electrical conduit and plumbing on the second story. We have also decided to go forward with the \$25,000 investment to run the heavy electrical cable from the street, purchase and install the transformer and main panel for the building.
- In October we will run the electrical wire and finishing the plumbing. We will also install the septic system for the complex.

We believe God will help us to finish the Phase One building by January 2017. We will certainly need His help... and the help of many partners like you! Please visit www.lartc.net for more information and updates.

Thank you for praying for us and for your faithful financial support. We can't imagine doing what we do without you! Thank you!

Rod and Sherry

There's more on the back... Little Davey Project - Panama 2016



**Prayer Needs & Praise Reports
on the back!**

Little Davey Project - Panama 2016

It was wonderful to have David and Deborah Kaiser and the Little Davey Project team back with us in Panama in May for their 2016 campaign. This is their sixth trip to Panama and eleventh overall. Since 2005 Little Davey Project has placed 400 computers in dozens of labs throughout Panama, and another 335 in Costa Rica, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Dominican Republic and Guatemala.

Little Davey is committed to bridging the technology gap that exists in Latin America. Most of our schools can't readily afford to purchase equipment and condition a computer lab. So Little Davey helps poor kids learn computer! We've discovered that teaching two specialized subjects – computer and English – significantly improves future earnings potential.

As is customary, the team arrived on a Friday night and started to work building 75 computers on Saturday morning. The team brings the smaller components in their carry-on luggage. We purchase the larger components in country.

After arriving to our cramped office, the team inventoried the components and was organized into one of the work stations. Work began immediately imaging the hard drives, preparing the cases and installing components. Each computer was started and personalized for activation. Computers were then boxed and other components gathered to prepare for deployment.

Sunday was a fun day with a tour of the Panama Canal, visit to Old Panama, lunch at the Boyds and attending church at the Panama International Church.

Computer deliveries and installations were planned for Monday through Thursday. Three schools would receive 15 computers each and the three others 10 each. Each school also received five soccer balls, compliments of Nike

PRAYER NEEDS & PRAISE REPORTS

- Praise the Lord for the MIRACLE OPPORTUNITY of a \$50,000 matching donation for the Latin America Resource and Training Center (LARTC). We've already received \$8,000 towards the \$50,000 that we must raise by the end of 2016. Pray with us that **an \$42,000 will be given by the end of the year to take advantage of the \$50,000 matching donation.**
- Praise the Lord for the progress on the construction of the LARTC. Thank you, Stone Church for your good work and ministry in July!
- Please pray for additional TEAMS to continue work on the LARTC: electrical, septic, plumbing, finish work and furnishings.
- Praise the Lord for 75 new computers built and delivered to six different schools in Panama!
- Praise the Lord for two successful Educators Summits conducted in Panama City, Panama (April) and Santa Cruz, Bolivia (August).
- Please pray for the more than 200 children who need an LACC sponsor. If you can one of these, please visit: www.Panama.LACC4Hope.org.
- Please join us in prayer for a large Bible project for Latin America ChildCare. Our goal is 7,500 for Panama! The special study Bible will use the *Nueva Traducción Viviente* (New Living Translation in English).

Panama. Classroom visits were planned for each school. These short visits help to reinforce English as well as exchange culture. However, it was testing week in the schools. Even so, team members found opportunities to hug and visit with children... and pass out candy! Each installation finished with a dedication ceremony that included prayer and thanksgiving.

Monday morning, we delivered 15 computers to the Monte de Sion Good Shepherd School. In 2009, Little Davey jump started the computer lab and program. It was notable to see how this lab had grown. The 15 computers we added doubled the size of this computer lab! We took a slight detour on our way to lunch to visit the building site of the new Latin America Resource and Training Center. The Little Davey Team have been steady prayer partners in our search of property and now construction. After a quick lunch out, we returned to the office to prepare for Tuesday's deployments.

Tuesday morning, we delivered 10 computers to the True Vine Good Shepherd School. This school is a small, fairly new school, located in a poor community with high unemployment. Apparently, it is also dangerous there since we had two policemen with us at the school the whole time we were there. After set-up was completed, the children of the school presented a traditional dance program for the team.

We then traveled to the Oasis of Peace Good Shepherd School. Our dear friends Alexis and Ariela are the pastors and directors of this school. Recently, they have added their son and daughter and families to the ministry team. Our 10 computers were added to another 10, doubling the size of the computer lab.

Wednesday morning early, the team checked out of their hotel and arrived to the office to load up the equipment for the final three schools. Fellow missionary Kirk Jones joined us for the trip, helping transport equipment and set up labs. We drove 2-1/2 hours to the Aguadulce Good Shepherd School, Wednesday's deployment. This is where it all started with Little Davey. Little Davey provided 10 computers to the Aguadulce school in 2012. It was both amazing and gratifying to see that all 10 computers were still in service! Now we were adding 15 more to provide a full lab for the school. When finished, the room was full, wall to wall, with computers! After the dedication ceremony the school prepared a delicious chicken and arroz con pollo lunch for the team. After lunch we traveled another 3 hours plus to David and checked into the hotel.

Thursday morning, we traveled the short distance to the David Good Shepherd School. The David school is the second oldest Good Shepherd School in Panama, opened in 1985. It is a large school with nearly 500 students. Students helped carry components to a new third floor section added above the school. The school did an exceptional job preparing the lab with cabling and furniture. The 15 computers were providing the first half of what would be the new secondary section computer lab.

We traveled across town to the Doleguita Good Shepherd School. We discovered that torrential rains had revealed leaks in the existing computer lab and they were working to prepare the new lab. Unfortunately, we weren't able to set up the lab. Instead, the 10 new computers and components were safely stored in the



pastor's office. [Later it was determined that the electrical system was not able to support the new computers, so they were sent across town to the David school, to nearly complete their new lab!]. It was a long return trip to Panama on Thursday afternoon, returning to the same hotel and enjoying dinner in the hotel restaurant. Friday morning, the team departed.

Thank you, David and Deborah, for loving us and for your "long haul" vision for helping children and young people in Panama and throughout Latin America to have a better chance for a better life. And thank you, Linda, Karen, Jan, Sue, Jack and Virginia, for your friendship and commitment. We can't imagine our lives without our friends at Little Davey Project!