

Presence, Plan, Provision and Promise

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We've enjoyed the last three months of itineration ministry! Thank you to all who have prayed for us during this season of reconnecting with family, friends and supporters. Your prayers are our *covering of grace*, especially important during this time of heavy travel and contact. The Lord has kept us safe and healthy as we have ministered in churches in Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Massachusetts, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania.

Our message to the churches has been about God's faithfulness at these disruptive times. We've shared four principles from the book of Joshua that have guided our ministry as missionaries and have become more real to us in 2020.

- ◇ **Press in to God's PRESENCE** in order to clearly hear His voice and experience His peace (Joshua 1:5)
- ◇ **Pursue God's PLAN** for your life, made real in His presence, even when circumstances are against you (Joshua 1:6)
- ◇ **Plant to God's PROVISION.** We step out in faith, knowing that we reap God's provision according to what we sow in faith (Joshua 3:14-17)
- ◇ **Persevere to God's PROMISE.** When we are faithful in persevering in God's plan, He is faithful to fulfill His promise (Joshua 4:7)

We are scheduled to return to Panama in February pending any virus-related setbacks. International travel in and out of Panama resumed mid-October. We are trusting the Lord for budget needs and other clearances. We continue to direct Panama's ChildHope school ministry during these months in the States, maintaining sponsorship and relief assistance to schools. This funding has helped to sustain virtual education initiatives and provide food and medicine to families that have been impacted by the virus and economic shut-down. Our February return is timely as schools will re-open in March 2021 for the new school year.

We have also resumed LARTC construction, nearly completing the first floor of the training addition in August, pending A/C purchase and installation. By mid-December, our construction team will finish the remaining 600 feet of block security wall along the left side and back of the property (yellow lines on the photo to the right).

A year ago, we announced our **HOMESTRETCH** campaign to complete LARTC construction by the end of this year. Even though we haven't yet crossed the finish line, we will persevere until God's promise is fulfilled! We hope to finish remaining work by mid-year 2021:

- ◇ **Phase 4 Training Addition** – Interior sheetrock walls, ceilings, electrical and lighting, bathrooms, ceiling, doors, air conditioning and paint.
- ◇ **Exterior** – Building façade, paint, security and retaining walls, entrance and gate, drainage, road and parking, exterior lighting and landscaping.

Your offerings for LARTC are greatly appreciated (<http://s1.ag.org/lartc>).

Thank you for standing with us in prayer and financial support!

Rod and Sherry

