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Dear family and friends,

We would like to share a quote that we just read recently that holds our very real sentiment about what we do and you who support us with your prayers and finances and those amazing ones whom we serve in company with!

"People from my first home say I'm brave. They tell me I'm strong. They pat me on the back and say, 'Way to go. Good job.' But the truth is, I am not really very brave; I am not really very strong; and I am not doing anything spectacular. I am simply doing what God has called me to do as a person who follows Him. He said to feed His sheep and He said to care for 'the least of these,' so that's what I'm doing, with the help of a lot people who make it possible and in the company of those who make my life worth living"

— Katie J. Davis



ROSA -

Recently we were talking to some dear friends of ours and they told us that they had a trailer/camper that they wanted to donate to a couple or a family in need. They wanted to bring it down the following week and so we said that we would pray about where it should go. Right away we began praying that God would help us see the greatest need and direct our decision... We thought of a newly-wed couple, a single mama with one child living with another family... and then the very next day a woman from our congregation, Rosa, came to the door to talk to Pablo. Her husband left her for another woman about two years ago. She has three children and no place to live. She is currently living with her mother in a very cramped space but has a piece of property for future building on... She had "knocked on doors" with the government asking for help, her living situation is very difficult, and she had run out of options. Her daughter told her



that she was really struggling to believe that there was a God that really saw their needs and cared... Pablo knew right then who the trailer had been donated for. He talked to Rosa about the trailer and she burst into tears.

On Tuesday November 6th at 5:00 a.m. our friends were on the road to bring the trailer down. There were many trials getting through customs, getting turned back to the U.S.A. because of a problem with the pickup paperwork..., waiting for Pablo and Dave to come and get it with a different pickup... And finally, at 8:30 p.m. the trailer and our friends arrived on our doorstep! Rosa and her children were there to receive them with open arms and a pot full of Pozole – a very typical meal served during celebrations!



On Wednesday the property was leveled and made ready for its new home and Saturday it was moved to its permanent spot on the hill. Basic services such as water, electricity and septic are not already in place and not available from the city currently. A neighbor has offered to put an electric pole at the back of his property to allow them to have electricity. Pablo is going to help get them set up on a temporary septic tank. They are also talking to the neighbors to see if a hose can bring them water from the lot in front of theirs. These are all prayer needs.



Please pray for Rosa, América, Felix and Matias. Pray for their daily provision. Thank God with us for the honor and security that was given in the form of a home for this family. Psalm 12:5 "For the cause of the oppressed and the groaning of the needy, I will now arise," says the LORD. "I will bring safety to him who yearns."

JAVIER - Pablo is teaching again this year "How to Disciple" at the Ministry Training Institute in Agua Viva. Javier, from the southern state of Chiapas (bordering Guatemala)

was one of Pablo's students in 2017. Recently he contacted Pablo to share a testimony of what is happening in his church! He is training seven young leaders to be "disciplers." They are growing and excited to partner with him in discipling others in their church and town!



CUBA 2019! Things are taking shape as we plan our next trip to Cuba! We will be leaving late March and will fly first into Tampa to meet up with Frank and Jeanette who are our fearless leaders and our partners in ministry in Cuba! When we first arrive, we will have a mini-training session with the national trainers to dive deeper into the Word together as a team! We will then travel to the province of Matanzas to the town of Jagüey Grande. The Discipler Training Conference will be held April 1-5. We are praying for 150-200 pastors and leaders from different denominations! Please be praying with us for every detail! We have already sent our passports ahead for Religious Visas.



Following the conference, we hope to have a couple days to refresh and transition to our Marriage Counseling Training! This year the Cuban leadership has asked us to do the training within the setting of a retreat (rather than us traveling to multiple churches). The retreat would have a two-fold purpose: 1. For equipping leaders for marriage and pre-marital counseling ministry in their churches. 2. For us to be able to minister to couples' hearts and lives individually as well as corporately.

As we work on details, it looks like it will be a 3-day conference. We have been told that they expect between 50-80 couples (all leaders and pastors). The cost per day is about \$20 CUC per couple (\$22 dlls). This would mean we need to raise between \$3,300.00 - \$5,280.00 in addition to our travel expenses. Please consider "adopting a couple" for the retreat and standing with us in this way as we go!



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- Katie J. Davis



Prayer Requests:

- Rosa and family—provision and utilities details as they move into their new home.
- Javier—wisdom as he trains up leaders to disciple others in his church and town.
- Cuba 2019 trip—details and finances for the training of leaders and pastors. That as we teach, they would learn for the purpose of putting into practice as well as being nurtured in their own lives and marriages.

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Next page is a Thanksgiving thought if you would like to read it!



A few years ago, I read a book on ***giving thanks*** that is based on the Greek word “Eucharisteo”

“And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them...Luke 22:19

The root word of eucharisteo is **CHARIS** meaning grace. Jesus took the bread and saw it as grace and gave thanks. He took the bread and knew it to be GIFT and gave thanks. When we share our meal with our family on Thanksgiving Day – we give thanks for God’s gift of grace given in His sacrifice on the cross!

EUCHARISTEO – THANKSGIVING envelopes the Greek word for grace – CHARIS. But it also holds its derivative; the Greek word “CHARA” meaning JOY.

Deep CHARA – JOY is found **only at the table of thanksgiving.**

God gave the gift. **CHARIS – GRACE.**

My response is to give thanks
EUCHARISTEO – THANKSGIVING.

My return is **CHARA – JOY.**

Have a joy-filled Thanksgiving!
We give thanks for you!

