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Dear friends,

As I sit to write, I am excited to be able to share what has been happening here in Ensenada! God has been so faithful. I read recently in a Bible study by Katie Scott; "The Hebrew word "Emuna" is translated faithfulness in the Old Testament. It is a feminine noun meaning firmness, steadiness, fidelity, and trust. It is sometimes translated "truth" as well...The Greek word "Pistos" is translated faithful or faithfulness or believing. Other uses are "sure" and "true". *This word is used of both God's followers being faithful to Him and He being faithful to them.* God's faithfulness is both who He is and what He does!" God is firm and steady. We can trust in Him. He is sure and true and is always faithful to us even when we are not faithful to Him.

We're going to share a story that is a 2 for 1 story of God's faithfulness! Since last year, as project funds have been received, Pablo has been able to continue work on Esteban and Edith's house. We shared previously about a bedroom addition to their one-room house, and the furnishing of that bedroom. In between our daily responsibilities, Pablo has been working with our son, Jacob, and a man from our church, Fernando, in the addition of a second bedroom for their teen-aged son.



The next phase is the expansion of the kitchen area. That is the first part of the story...! God's faithful provision for a family to have a home, giving them security and dignity.

Philippians 4:19 "And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus." God's faithfulness is actively guarding the lives of His children. His love and faithfulness provide for their needs.

Faithfulness is God's sure steadiness, and despite the

hardships of life, despite our sins and failures—He will always be true.



The second part of this story is Fernando. We have known "Fernando" for twenty-some years. He accepted Jesus and over the years has been involved in Pablo's men's small group and in church. He is kind. He has a servant's heart and is a hard worker, but he is also an alcoholic.

About 5 years ago, he lost his family and since then has been in and out of rehab, not being able to stay sober. Recently he came home and is "leaning into Jesus" for strength to live a changed life. He worked for the last few weeks with Pablo and Jake on the construction project. He now has gotten a job in town working, and doesn't want the momentum of his *commitment to remain firm*, to be lost, so he is keeping himself accountable by calling a couple times a day to check in. He has returned to the men's group and church. Please pray for Fernando. The road is uphill and his life at home is lonely. Pray that God would give him the courage and desire to remain strong in his conviction and that he would stay sober.

1 Corinthians 1:9 "God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." God's faithfulness calls us into relationship, into a family where we can experience love and growth together.

Titus 1:9 says, "He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it." You know that we have gone to Cuba yearly since 2007 and you have stood with us in financial support and prayers.

Because of the pandemic we have not been able to go to Cuba since 2019. Our hearts have broken over the conditions of political and economic unrest that they have lived through these last few years.



God in His faithfulness has once again opened the doors for us to go! We will head off in September, and we will be gone about 5 weeks.

DTI We are partnering with “Discipler Training International” and will coordinate and teach alongside our Cuban leadership. This will be the first time that our partners in ministry, Frank and Jeannette will be sending rather than going... It will also be a first that the Cuban leadership facilitate the main teaching sessions. Pablo and I will assist them and each lead break-out groups. Before the conference we will have a team-building session that will prepare us for the conference.

We will also do a 1 ½ day training of the curriculum that we use for pre-marital and crisis counseling for pastors to use with the couples in their churches. Immediately following the training, we will host a couple’s retreat for the following 3 days for the purpose of giving rest and an “injection of encouragement” to the pastor’s marriages.

On a separate page we are enclosing our ministry calendar and you



will see that we will also be involved in a short week-end youth event and before all the conferences begin, Pablo and Jacob will be doing maintenance and

repairs that are badly needed at the training center.

We need finances for the conferences and our travel! Our son Jacob is also going to go with us and will be an assistant to the leadership there in the many details – serving, co-leading a breakout group for the Discipler Training conference, sharing at the youth event, and he’ll be the official cameraman! God is faithful.



Isaiah 25:1 “Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago.” I love the word “perfect” paired with faithful in this verse. God’s faithfulness is without fault or flaw—it is complete and pure. Wow!

If you would like to support the ministry to Cuba, we need to raise \$2,500.00 for the ministry to couples and our travel expenses @ 1,000 each.

To sponsor a Cuban pastor for the Discipler Training conference, the cost per pastor is \$50 which covers the 5-day conference, housing, food and the discipleship manual. We are expecting 150 leaders in attendance.

You can donate via check, or credit card: 100% of the proceeds will go to the Mission Trip to Cuba and the conferences held there. Make checks payable to:

Summer up-and-comings:

♦ July 24-29 Valley Community Church from Pleasanton, CA is coming to Ensenada! We will be working with them on a construction project for Ezekiel and his family (one of Pablo’s soccer players). On Thursday of that week, we will have a bonfire at the beach with their group and our youth. Games, food, and fellowship!



♦ The first week in August Taft Avenue Community Church from Orange, CA will travel with our Ensenada youth group to Colonet to host a one-day VBS for the indigenous children that go to Casa de Pan (House of Bread) for their daily afternoon meal. We will also do a project there to help with the upkeep of the facility.



♦ August 18th we will be doing a 1-day medical clinic on behalf of the St. Barnabas | Mayo Clinic | RLC & Friends Medical Mission, sponsored in their absence this summer. Local doctors, eye doctors and dentists will donate their time to touch people’s physical needs... God is faithful.



Prayer requests:

♦ Fernando - Pray that God would give him the courage and desire to remain strong in his conviction and that he would stay sober.

♦ Our summer activities and upcoming Cuba trip – for God’s hand in the details and provision of each. He is faithful!



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Itinerary for Mission to Cuba 2022 ~ Please pray with us!

September-October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	4	5	6	7	8	9
September:			Travel Day / Arrive in Havana	Home of Julio & Sarahy	Travel to Palmira	Work projects at the Training Center
	11	12	13	14	15	17
Work projects at the Training Center	Work projects at the Training Center	Work projects at the Training Center	Work projects at the Training Center / Martha - Women's Mtg	Work projects at the Training Center	Work projects at the Training Center	Planning Mtg. Cuban leadership
	18	19	20	21	22	24
Church Service / Planning Mtg. Cuban leadership	Discipler Training Conference	Discipler Training Conference	Discipler Training Conference	Discipler Training Conference	Discipler Training Conference	Rest
	25	26	27	28	29	October 1
Church Service / Planning Mtg. Cuban leadership	Marriage Counseling Training Sessions	Marriage Counseling Training Sessions / Beginning of Retreat	Couples Retreat	Couples Retreat	Youth Arrival - Evening/ Youth Camp opening svc.	Youth Camp
	2	3	4	5	6	8
Youth Camp Final	Cesar & Roxana's house - Visit mission churches	Cesar & Roxana's house - Visit mission churches	Cesar & Roxana's house - Visit mission churches	Family time - Luis Hernandez family	Family time - Luis Hernandez family	Family time - Luis Hernandez family
	9	10	11	12	13	15
Travel to Mayabeque Eliezer y Midalys	Eliezer y Midalys / TBD	Eliezer y Midalys / TBD	Travel to Havana Casa Mongui y Lisy	Mongui y Lisy / TBD	Mongui y Lisy / TBD	Travel to Mexico