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Dear friends and family,

Greetings and hugs to you all! I want to open our thoughts today with the lyrics from a song that has particularly touched our hearts these last months.

*There are many prodigal sons  
On our city streets they run  
Searching for shelter  
There are homes broken down  
People's hopes have fallen to the  
ground  
From failures*

*This is an emergency!*

*There are tears from the saints  
For the lost and unsaved  
We're crying for them come back home  
We're crying for them come back home  
And all your children will stretch out  
their hands  
And pick up the crippled man  
Father, we will lead them home  
Father, we will lead them home*

*There are schools full of hatred  
Even churches have forsaken  
Love and mercy  
May we see this generation  
In its state of desperation  
For Your glory*

Partial Lyrics of  
"Tears of the Saints" by  
Leeland  
[http://youtu.be/1m\\_QSFVA3v0](http://youtu.be/1m_QSFVA3v0)

Recently our hearts have broken as we watch the situations around us. We have shed many tears as we watch and walk with people that are unsaved, crippled, full of hatred and in desperate need of mercy. We would like to share the stories of three men:

Diego is a man that is broken. He has fallen in and out of drugs for as long as we have known him. For his daughter's 15<sup>th</sup> birthday (which is a BIG deal), she said that all she wanted for a present is that he would stay drug free and faithful in his responsibilities as a husband and father... Do you hear her broken heart? Three years later, nothing has changed and his wife and children just walked out and left him

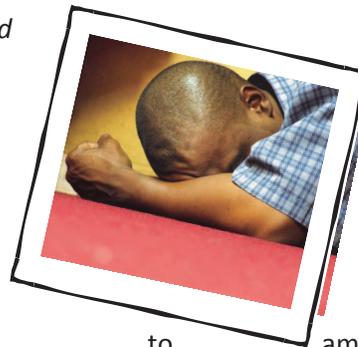
because they are tired and frightened and impoverished.

We would also like to introduce you to Gerardo and Janice. About three years ago they moved in next door. They are a mixed family. She came to the marriage with



Gerardo and one of his daughters

two daughters, and he with one. Then they had twins. They met through the internet and had never met in person before the day they moved in with each other. They have come to church off and on and we have been aware of problems... Yesterday the police were in front of their house and Gerardo came to call for help. Family violence, filthy, hurtful words, threats of bloodshed, hate, hurting children, tears and screams.



Then there is Javier; a man of physical sorrows. He has been crippled for years, with sores covering much of his body. Within the last few months he has lost both of his legs

to amputation and the strength in his arms. He has lost his mobility – his independence. But he has not lost his faith in Christ or his smile. He is almost always telling jokes. Coming home from the hospital he joked with Pablo that the one benefit of no longer having legs is that he would no longer have to buy shoes! He is quick to smile at everyone. He has his grumpy moments and has had several crises' since losing both legs – but he never gives up. In the depths of despair, he



continues to plan for his future and face the world with faith and courage.

In each case, all we can give is Jesus' love and mercy, guidance and care.

Our prayer is that as hopes have fallen and homes have broken, that they will be restored in their relationship with the Lord, first of all, and then with each other. We ask you to please pray for each man and family represented in these stories. Pray for wisdom for us as we counsel each one.

Last week we were privileged to be a part of many who stretched out their hands of healing! Potter's Clay, with Westmont College came to town and spread out all over the city playing sports, hosting VBS programs, praying and ministering in music and dance, building and serving in a 5-day Med/Dent clinic.



Pablo worked on a construction project for a dentist in our community. This is a man who we have worked with for years – and unbeknownst to us, he and his wife had been sleeping in their living room for over ten years. They have three kids and all this time, the “clinic” that we have gone to, was really their bedroom given up to serve others. When we met him and up until recently he was not a Christian and was not interested in ever giving his life to Christ. He loves to do “good works” and so goes out multiple times a year to serve the poor. However, through the love and life witness of his wife and children and the many people around him, we have seen a “softening” in his heart and countenance.

The construction team built a two story building on his property, adjoining his original house. The lower floor will be his clinic and there are a couple bedrooms upstairs so his kids can stretch out a bit and he and his wife can have their own space! This brought hollers of joy to all of us that know them and tears of joy and profound gratitude to each one in their family! It was such a blessing to serve someone who is such a blessing to SO many lives.



Receiving the keys to his new clinic



I (Martha) went out with the Med/Dent team and got to hug on, love on, and be the first step of the care received as I was in dental triage. On

three of the five days we served the indigenous population in different communities, and then on the last day served the homeless and under-served in our “red-light” district. For me there is nothing greater than being able to watch as people come in droves. They wait, and wait, and wait and then leave having been served by the healing hands of doctors and dentists that have touched them for a moment and reinforced that God loves them.

Last year we were given funds from Valley Community Church for a specific project. Originally, when our church was built, there was going to be a room off of the side connecting to the pulpit area. This room was never built and so VCC's monetary gift made this possible! The room will be used for storing of cables, microphones, stands, music equipment, candelabras and the arch that we use for weddings, etc.! For dramas, people will be able to enter directly from the side onto the stage. And the musicians and pastor will be able to have that quiet area for prayer before services. The property has now been cleared and Pablo is working on the footing and the slab! In a couple of weeks, Lord willing, the rough carpentry for the project will be done! What a blessing! We are so excited!



After the backhoe cleared the land—the footings for the slab began!



In May, Pablo will again travel to Cuba with Discipler Training International to the province of Las Tunas. Please pray with us for the following needs:

**CUBAN PASTORS** have no financial resources to attend the conference. Therefore, we pay for their lodging, meals, transportation, and DTI materials. The cost for the **entire 5 days** is about **\$20 per pastor**. We are expecting about 200 pastors and leaders -- so the total need is **\$4,000**. If you would like to adopt a pastor or pastors, please see the attached DTI newsletter that gives instructions for donations.

**THE DTI TRAVELING TEAM** must raise their own support (**about \$1,500/ person**). We are grateful for the resources God is beginning to provide in the form of airline miles. Pablo's airfare to and from Florida was donated in the form of miles and we are trusting the Lord to provide the remaining amount needed. Our team consists of Frank Meitz – our chief, from Reno, Nevada! Pablo and Cane Vega hail from Mexico and Ailyn is from Miami, Florida! Thank you for your prayers for them all!

For continued **openness from the Cuban goveornment** for our teaching these materials and that the **Cuban religious visas** will arrive in time. Cuba is not allowing tickets to be purchased from Miami to Cuba without religious visas physically delivered to the arrival airport so we can clear immigration. This is a new policy and so an extra dose of faith and prayers are needed as we travel this time!

Thank you forever standing with us! Blessings!



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