

The Steps of a Goodman

Goodman Family Prayer Letter

Psalm 37:23-24

Reporting for January – March 2023

Construction at #777

It took a little bit of time and planning, but in February we were finally able to get started on our major building project. We have not stopped since! Things are now beginning to come together, and it is super exciting!

-The spaces that we already had have been drastically modified. Doorways have been bricked in. New doors and windows have been cut and installed. Walls have been finished and texturized...

-All the steel framework is finished on the connection between the front and back buildings, we just need to install flooring.

-All of the steel framing is up and ready for the roofing to be installed! We will get that done before the end of April, Lord willing! We don't want to use sheet metal roofing because of the noise when it rains. Insulated roofing is extremely expensive, so we have settled on a "middle of the road" option. However, there is currently a hang up with the purchase of it. We hope to have that resolved soon, so please pray with us about that.

Our original plan to make an entire third story turned out to not be cost effective. That is why we are putting the roof over the middle, which will become our auditorium. We can still add another level on both ends on top of the existing buildings.

I'm not a builder, but the Lord has blessed me with two men that have really stepped up to help me with this mammoth project. Gabriel was saved in 2015, and he has grown to be a faithful and loyal member. He has a lot of abilities in this area and has proved to be invaluable. Luis was saved when his kids attended our VBS in 2020. He is a welder and has lent his time and talents to several different parts of the project. These men have become a great team and are encouraging each other in the Lord as well!



Building and Battling

I still have to pinch myself when I realize that we are in our own building! Thank you for your prayers and financial support that have so helped us at this stage of our ministry. We know that God has a purpose in giving us our own place. I have reminded our church that the building is a huge blessing, but that the work of the ministry is what must be our main emphasis and focus. The building is a means, but it is not an end. May we use it for His glory!

When the Lord blesses, the devil always fights. We had one of our faithful teachers inform us that she is not willing to fulfil the requirements of a teacher. When I asked her if she had changed her convictions, she said, "no, I guess it's just rebellion!" I also lost another worker because he is no longer being faithful to the church services. There have been some other battles as well, but we choose to keep our eyes on the Lord and His many blessings. Paul who suffered far greater adversity said, "But none of these things move me...". I mention these things so that you will pray for the ministry here.

God is working, and we have seen several people make professions of faith in this first part of the year!



-At our church "construction site", we have been able to witness to several of the workers that we have hired. Salvador, the brick layer, trusted Christ! Daniel and Chucho, the welders (pictured here), were also saved!

-Three people have been saved in the rehab. center.

-Alexa, a visitor, was saved after a Sunday morning service.

-Three kids have been saved in "Niños Nobles," our Thursday night kids' club.

-We have had several saved from our weekly door-knocking also.

We are in the "Grandparents Club"!

Our son, Daniel, and his wife, Emily, have just given us the gift of our first grandson! His name is Titus Simeon Goodman. He was born on the 21st of March. We are thankful to see our adult children serving in different ministries in the States and are excited to see them beginning their families. We are truly blessed! Thank you for praying for our family over the years. Please continue to pray for us all. We appreciate it!



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