

The Steps of a Goodman

Goodman Family Prayer Letter

Psalm 37:23-24

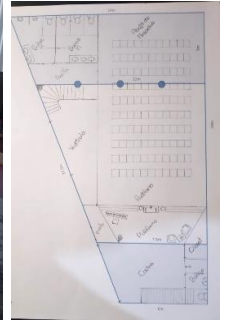
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An Open Door...into a NEW BUILDING!!!

On the way to a visit, my wife noticed an unfinished building about a kilometer from our current church location. It was quite obviously out of our price range, but we were dreaming. On the way back from the visit, Stephen, my 14-year-old son said, "Dad, why don't we just stop there and pray about it." We did...and before I knew what I was doing, I was asking the man next door for information. I was right, it was way out of our price range. However, the man told me that he had a building up the road that he would be willing to sell. I agreed to look at it, and to our surprise, he led us to a building just two streets over from where we are presently meeting. Because this lot already has a foundation and construction on it, we only need permits to "adapt" it. This is much easier. We had our architect look at it, and he confirmed that the present construction lends itself to being adapted to our needs. There are also empty lots on all sides, which gives potential for the future. We prayed about it knowing that we did not have the amount of money that he was asking...1.5 million pesos. We would have to sell our piece of land to be able to even attempt to buy it. As I prayed about it, I thought that maybe this man would be interested in trading for our property with a difference paid in cash. I talked to him and took him to see it. He really liked it! Our location was better for him, and his location was better for us. I presented it to our church and the vote was unanimous to move forward! I then made him an offer of our property at the value of \$600,000 pesos and another \$600,000 in cash. I was basically offering him 1.2 million pesos. He was reluctant at first, but then accepted the offer! When the Lord opens a door, no man can shut it! In this case, the Lord opened a door...and we walked into **our new church building!** Things have moved so fast that by the time most of you receive this letter we will have closed the deal! We should have possession of the building in the second week of October, although we will still owe \$200,000 pesos. In addition to our piece of land, our church had \$200,000 pesos in building and general funds. We had the equivalent of another \$200,000 pesos worth in the dollars donated by you, our supporting churches! The \$200,000 pesos that we lack is equivalent to about \$15,000 U.S. dollars, which we have agreed to pay by the end of January 2024. This is a great step of faith for our church! We will have to pray, work, sacrifice, and trust God to make it happen. How exciting is that?! God is so good to us!!!

It's not what it is...It's what it will be!

The pictures of our building will probably not excite or impress you the way they do me. We have been praying for our own property for a long time. You must understand that it is not what it looks like now, but rather what it will be in the future. We will have to use it in a very rustic condition at first, but our church is so excited! If you look at the Google Maps view of the building, (top right picture) you will see how we can put on a third floor that will connect the two standing



structures, giving us a high ceiling auditorium in the middle. The third floor will allow us to have an apartment and several classrooms. It will also serve to enclose our auditorium.

Thank you so much for your prayers and for all the generous donations that helped make this possible. Thank you also for your patience. Any further donations will be used either for the completion of the purchase, for construction of the third floor, or for the betterment of our property.

South America awaits us!

My wife and I are flying to Argentina on October 9th to preach/speak at a family conference for one of the missionaries that our church here supports. We both will be speaking multiple times (Jeannie to the ladies). The conference is in the north, but we will also spend a few days in Buenos Aires, a day in Uruguay, and a day in Panama City. This is a great opportunity for us! Our desire is that the Lord would use us in a special way to be a help and blessing. Pray!