



Praises

Some of our people finished their first course of discipleship and are continuing to grow spiritually.

We've had various "firsts" in our church that have been a blessing and have helped us to continue to grow.

Prayer Requests

We're getting to where we need to purchase property for our church. Please pray that God will provide a good place to be a permanent home for Joy Baptist.

At Joy Baptist, one thing we emphasize is that people learn more about the Bible and can also teach others (II Timothy 2:2). We do this in part through a process of discipleship that, while we believe entails more than strictly studying the Bible, does also include that vital part. We have a couple of discipleship courses, and we get together with people throughout the week as they're able to study and do the lessons. A couple of weeks ago, some of them were recognized with a certificate for finishing their first discipleship course. Posted is a picture of my friend Rafael and me. I'm excited by how the Lord is using him. Rafael is now also teaching a man named Jesús!



In July, a church that supports many of us missionaries here helped us pass out thousands of flyers for an English class outreach. We've been pleased about the fruit we've seen from that. One young man who has been coming and has since been saved is Andy. He's fourteen and his parents don't let him have a cellphone, and I've really enjoyed having conversations with him as it feels like I'm speaking to a teenager from the early 2000's. He likes to help in little ways that he can, such as serving plates of food during special events.

We had a kid's event August 10th. There was a great turnout with several kids and visiting families, but one of my favorite parts is how people in the church came together to make it happen. There were so many volunteers, we actually ran out of work for them!

Also in August, we had our first youth meeting. We've been blessed to have more and more young people show up.

At the end of the month, we had our first ever Family Conference. I asked my friend Mirko to come teach for us on topics centering on the family, and it was a blessing to all of our people.

To close, thank you all for your prayers and support for us. God bless you!

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