

New Year continues with COVID-19 and restrictions continue!

"The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy." Psalm 126:3. The Lord has done great things as we start the New Year! After a year of not being able to visit our coffee project with ASOMOBI, we were able to visit when my sister Liz and her husband, Bruce came for a 3-week visit. They were escaping the cold blizzard conditions in PA. What a joy to visit ASOMOBI and be an encouragement to each one of the women we visited. We were so loaded with food and supplies that the only space in the back was for Liz. When we arrived, we did not even have room for Laura so had Bruce stand on the running board of the car to go up to Laura's house for supper. I believe it was a first for him! We were able to watch each step of the coffee process as it dripped through a sock to maximize the taste. What a breakfast.

We then visited Mainor as we had advanced him money to begin the process of pouring the cement to a small meeting place we were going to help him build with our next mission team from CA. Due to the continued restrictions from the pandemic, we had to cancel the mission team and trust that next year we will be able to finish this project for Mainor. He is so grateful for our help and praising the Lord as he has a neurological problem where he is losing the feeling in his feet. This is causing him to walk like a duck and has trouble with his balance. He is a community leader and when he will not be able to travel, people will be able to come to him for meetings in his new meeting place. Pray for Mainor as his conditions advances.

The Ministry of Education has given the go ahead to opening our schools. This is being done with caution and dividing the classes in half and using masks and distancing. CEDCAS was able to help 12 children with full uniforms and 5 adolescents with new shoes. Thank you for your contributions to helping us do this. One of our teens called, all depressed as his mother could not buy him a new uniform and last years did not fit him. We were able to encourage him to continue studying and trusting the Lord as he finishes high school this coming year.

We have been busy getting the eye exams and teeth fixed before the kids go back to school. We feel blessed to help the children with glasses and dental care being a witness for Christ. We also received a large donation of school supplies and back packs from **Theos Place Heredia** which has also been a big blessing. They have continued to help us with the food bags as well.

Some of the kids did not have simple dental problems. Dereck, had a very difficult problem and the orthodontist said that if we did not help him his teeth would be sticking out and "he would be able to open a can of coke with them". He has been in the process for two years and this is the day that the braces came off. His mother is a single Mom and could never afford this treatment. Through your gifts, we were able to help Dereck and today he has a wonderful smile as does his grandmother Marlen, our staff worker.

What are our plans for the future? We have been praying about the opening of kids club and the elderly group but have decided that until we have all been vaccinated, this will not be possible. We have asked the Ministry of Health to vaccinate all of our staff which has not been possible yet and only they have the vaccines. Pray that we will be able to get vaccinated soon. We have also decided that we will work with smaller groups at the House of Health to give them a place to come and study and get help

with their homework. We also have WIFI and this will enable many of the students to study but we have a **big request: we are asking the Lord to provide 15 refurbished laptop computers which we can buy here at less than half the price. This will allow us to work with the elderly and the teens as they learn computer skills like excel, word and power point and typing with volunteers from our partners, Theos Place Heredia.** Continue to pray for us as we reach out in love to a hurting world needing a Savior.

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Camila continues to grow and loves to tease her puppy, Nala but does have her moments of loving on her. She also sings Happy Birthday in Spanish and loves to sing to herself anytime she can. Uncle Marc had a special time looking at the memory picture book my sister Lois made for us. Pray for Rebeca, Chelo and Camila as they will be not be eligible for the vaccine and we cannot buy it in any pharmacy. We are trying to get Beca vaccinated through the Clinic. Pray for all of us that we will continue to stay healthy.



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