

Sorry there were no updates the past two weeks. All I can say is that things were busier with teams here and my brother visited for almost three weeks getting lots of project work done. We had people here from Michigan, New York, and Pennsylvania in addition to my brother from Oregon.

The project work centered around the construction of the library building. The first floor walls and bar trusses have been set for quite a while, but there were no stairs to the second floor yet. With a couple qualified welders around we were able to get both the inside and outside staircases completed as well as most of the trusses for the roof, and with a couple of experienced concrete workers we were able to pour the floor for the second story. Everything has come out looking real well. One of the board members had previously sent down forms for pouring concrete piers and bond beams so while he was here he was even able to teach the WISH construction workers how to set the forms and started to pour some of the columns for the second floor walls. If all goes well with everything else at WISH we will be able to continue building the piers and the walls over the next few weeks. God's timing for sending workers was perfect. Without having the stairs completed just before we started to pour the floor the project would not have gotten as far as it has.

It was amazing to see how many men showed up hopeful to have work for a day when we began to pour the floor at the library. They came ready to work, but without us ever asking for extra help. It was a sad reminder of how few jobs there are and how many people are wanting to work just so that they can buy food. After we used some of the them to work they were paid less than \$8 US and I was greeted with applause and hugs as I gave out the money to the guys.

One other exciting thing we did was to pour our first ever concrete power pole. A form had been sent down last fall so that poles could be made to run all of the power lines from the generator shop to the hospital above ground. The form was not released from customs in time though so it was not used. Soon we will need to move the power line that runs down to the Youth Center so our plan is to use some poles made in the form.

This week a team of 14 people from Butch and Tricia's home church will be coming. It is one of the largest teams that WISH has hosted so we will stay busy setting work up for them and entertaining. It should be lots of fun to have such a large group around and having so much activity. There are a couple of guys who can work on just about anything we throw at them, and there are some people who we plan to set to work painting inside the first floor of the library. Hopefully with God's grace we will be able to continue making progress on the library as well as take care of maintenance issues as they come up this week.

Please continue to pray for us as we meet new people and work with them. Our goal is to show the love of Jesus in everything we do.

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