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ESCOBAR CASTOFFS & UPDATES



An updated photo in our new back yard!
With all the remodeling work and caring for my mother who turned 98 last month, I can hardly believe that April is here and we will soon celebrate resurrection Sunday! I am very happy to report that we now have a working kitchen and two of the three bathrooms fully functioning. All the major remodeling work should be completed by the end of this month. In fact, I am already making plans for a trip to Malawi on May 19th. In this newsletter, I'll share another great story about one of our CTC students and bring you up to date on the five opportunities for you to invest in worthy mission projects that were in the February newsletter.

A special CTC student and her ministry

Recently, Missionary Ventures highlighted one of our CTC directors, Don Wolfram, and one of our students, Ana Villalba. My appreciation to MVI and Don for allowing me to share this story with you. Ana is close to graduating from the CTC program that Don oversees in Sincelejo, Colombia. Four years ago, I helped Don teach the first session of his CTC program called Cemic (Centro de Entrenamiento Misionero Internacional Colombia).



Ana has a special love for a village named Macajan and especially those on the street called "Via Escobar." The folks there live in the wake of Pablo Escobar, the notorious drug lord who destroyed many lives in Colombia. It's a community of displaced castoffs - people who are homeless, disabled, unwanted, and mostly made of single mothers with multiple children.

Ana sees herself as one of them. She is a single mother who raised five children alone after she left her abusive and unfaithful husband who got caught up with the wrong people. She knows and loves God

and can speak about His faithfulness in her life. After leaving her husband, she struggled to support her children by selling fruits, vegetables, and other items in the local market. She was fortunate to receive government housing and continues to be active in her church. One day Ana, always outgoing and friendly, met a woman named Albani who told her about the Via Escobar castoffs. Ana was touched to hear about this community of people like her who needed to hear about God's love. She began visiting Macajan with Albani. As she shared with them, she grew to love the people and began to dream with them about a church in their community. They found a plot of land and began to pray. It was a difficult journey for Ana to get to Macajan, but she was committed to regularly mentor and disciple these young believers.

Pastor Jose Herrera, our lead pastor in Sincelejo, has known Ana for 20 years, seen her passion for the



Lord, and encouraged her in her faith. "Though she has suffered a lot in life, we have never heard any wrong from or about her," he says. "She has a great testimony. She is a woman of integrity, without malice, and dedicated completely to the Lord's work." Now, through MVI's relationship with the Christian Motorcyclists Association, Don was able to bless Ana



with a motorcycle to further her ministry. Now she will be able to visit the community more regularly." Ana is a small, tenacious woman with a huge desire to spread the gospel and show God's love," says Don. "The bike will be a huge time saver and will greatly expand her sphere of influence with the gospel." The foundations for a church roof are already beginning. Please remember to pray for Ana and our other CTC students who will soon graduate and for their ministries in Colombia. Please pray with me that Jesus, the Lord of the harvest, would thrust forth more and more laborers and continue to expand the reach of CTC programs to help do so!

GIVING UPDATE ON THE FIVE PROJECTS

1. In this #1 project, we needed **\$1500** to finish our part of furnishing the small church for Pastor Francisco and Vanessa in Ecuador. Though no new funds came in for this, Vicky and I determined to complete this project from our giving from the sale of our two properties last year.



2. Project #2 was for the purchase of a boat, like the one pictured here, for an evangelistic effort in Malawi to reach two unreached people groups on the other side of Lake Malawi. Stephen Tambuli and his wife, Maria, have requested the **\$10,000** in help and are taking swimming lessons that I required prior to releasing any funding. Missionary Ventures has offered to contribute **\$5000** toward the project and the balance of **\$5000** will come from another large project contribution that unexpectedly arrived in God's perfect timing.



3. Project #3 was to establish a fund account for feeding the hungry. We often receive requests to help feed starving people which presents us an opportunity to meet needs and share Christ. Because the need is often immediate, we want to establish a fund for this. For those of you interested in helping us respond immediately when a need arises, please mark your gift "**Hungry**," and we will put those

funds in the Feeding the Hungry account. For your information, Stephen recently sent me more photos of them feeding those without adequate food. So far, we have had only one response to this opportunity to make a difference. However, with that seed I will establish the account and trust God for increase.



4. The #4 project in Malawi involved Pastor Raphael who graduated from CTC in 2021 and planted a



church in his home village. He has done extensive evangelistic ministry there and has pioneered a work that now needs a building. Pastor Raphael has

title to the land where the building will sit. Two contributions came in that will provide the **\$10,000** needed to complete this church building. God is so amazing!

5. The #5 project involved sponsorship for students attending CTC programs. I explained in February that we no longer raise sponsorship for individual students. With over 1400 students at any given time, the cost is just too great. Instead, local directors ask students to help cover expenses or volunteer service in exchange for their training. To help directors who are doing more than a single program, we try to provide in part for their families and do more for CTC programs that house students full time for the time it takes to complete the training, generally nine months to a year. We have such programs in India and The Philippines. No funds came in designated "**Students**," but this is a constant need if we are to continue to do as we are now.

You are always in our prayers, and we covet your prayers and support. If you can help with feeding the hungry #3 and #5 sponsoring students, please do; we need your help! Thank you for standing with us during this time of transition! I promise some pics of our newly remodeled location next month. Blessings!!!!

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