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Happy Sabbath Eve!

We woke to the sound of rain washing the earth clean, but it wasn't long before the sun was out and warmed us all. It has been cooler than we expected so to have it now turn warm is a welcome delight. Our construction workers did have to work in the rain for a short while but no one complained. They put up some tarps to keep them somewhat dry. It wasn't too long before it stopped. Today was a shorter work day than usual so we could all come home and prepare for the oncoming Sabbath. Even with the shortened work day they were able to put down 215 blocks. And that was with framing the windows which is longer and trickier to do. I did see a few very tired ladies tonight as the hard labor is catching up on them. Needless to say, everyone was looking forward to the Sabbath days rest. Both physically and spiritually. Ahh, the Lord certainly did know what He was doing when He set aside that special day for us to meet with Him in a special way. We will come away refreshed and renewed, in both body and spirit. Thank you Jesus!

Today was the day set aside for the Mexican women to come and pray with some of our women at the construction site. Marcie said there were about 25 women and teenage girls there. Renita blessed the group with her wonderful translating ability. Seems that the Mexican women and American women have more in common than different. One topic of concern was that age old problem of teenage children and how to handle them. I doubt anything was discovered other than the fact to just hold on, don't desert the ship now☺ Marcie did say that she felt the meeting met all her expectations and more. A blessing was had by all, the 30 minute meeting ended up being one hour and 30 min. So I would say it must of went more than well. Lots of smiles and hugs going on.

Bob stopped and talked with the Chief of Police today, setting up a schedule for them to be with us on Wed. and Thurs. as we go to other outermost villages. Well Bob gave the man a Berkshire Mission tee shirt like we wear and he was thrilled. Bob heard them laughing together as he left and Rigo said he was telling the other fellows that he finally got a souvenir from America. He had also given Bob a shirt that had Jitotol Police on it and is part of their uniform.

The medical clinic saw 300+ patients today. There was a little stir this morning after a mix up in letting the people that registered and got their tickets didn't all get in first. The situation was handled fairly quickly though. One man insisted that Rigo has told him him he would be first in line this morning and would not have to wait. This is not one of Rigo's jobs although he is there any time Bob is there and they recognize him. Well Rigo handled it very well by asking the man at what time of the day did he tell him this just to make certain somehow he said it. Well the man said at 7 O'clock and Rigo was able to tell him that he had not even been at the clinic around that time! It is amazing how some folks can think up all ways to get in ahead of their time or to get in twice. Another thing that some have been doing is managing to get registered twice and selling their ticket number.

The meals here have been very nice. Everything is ultimate in freshness as they produce most of their own food in their large gardens. Tonight we had empanadas covered with fresh chopped tomato, peppers and lettuce. There was also a barley and milk concoction that was very tasty. Little potatoes and green beans were also provided. For the grand finale of the meal 2 beautiful cakes were put out on a table with writing on the top of the icing. It said Happy Birthday Alyssa! Today was her 11<sup>th</sup> birthday and Berkshire Mission provided a special cake to celebrate the occasion, and it was delicious. After dinner we all went over to the University church for sundown worship. Oh what a gorgeous church that is, everyone was impressed. They had special music played by a few of the staff and students and then we sang several songs. Pastor Rigo translated the worship for us. And Eric gave a wonderful talk on Berkshire Mission and

the goals. Oh you might be interested to know that the students sit with the girls on one side of the church and the boys on the other, they looked so beautiful all dressed up in their finest with all that gorgeous blue black hair just gleaming. Wearing common clothes to church is not something that is ever practiced here. Church is truly a thing of awe and respect and when they come to meet with Jesus and His father they want to look their best, what ever that may be for each. It is the level of respect that you notice right away when you enter the sanctuary. These are people that know they are coming to meet with the King of the universe and they act accordingly.

I hope you have a blessed Sabbath day's experience and you reap from it all that the Lord intended as you set aside the world and have that special date with the King. He has always loved you best and longs to sing beautiful love songs into your heart and make you His for ever and ever. Oh who could of ever loved you more? You will always be the apple of His eye, don't miss out on those benefits!

"There remained therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief."  
Hebrews 4:9,10,11.

Love and smiles along with prayers,  
Resting in Him,  
Jennifer Young, Mission reporter