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Happy preparation day!

Well our work is basically over. We have finished the task, the church is built and looking beautiful! Tomorrow we will fill it's pews and walls with the sound of singing, and wonderful words of praise to the Creator of the Sabbath! It will be a high Sabbath indeed and angels will be watching along with the rest of the universe.

Many of the local members came down to help put the finishing touches on the church,. They were busy washing down the pews and sweeping and hosing down the floor. Helping to get everything just as perfect as can be for when we have that special date with the King tomorrow. The excitement is high amongst the Adventist in Jitotol that is for sure. As I said before, this area is ripe for reaping and I know great things will happen here.

The optical folks while not doing an official work day still managed to hand out another 50 pair of glasses to the folks that came to the work area today. Some of our left over medicine has been donated to various places and we will sell the rest at a discount to the next maranatha group coming. They will have to buy medicines here anyway so they might as well buy them at a lower cost. It will end up helping them and us.

Bob paid our bill here today at the University. For feeding and housing us, plus the use of the school bus and pick up the cost was over \$13,000.00 And that is in American money.

This has been an incredible trip as always and we feel so blessed to be allowed to do this work.

Betty told me today was a "tearful day" for her and Mary in the kitchen. They prayed with the ladies from each shift and had a lot of parting words. The kitchen workers told her that our team is such an inspiration to them with our cheerfulness and hard work along with attention to detail. That was great to hear as I don't know how many times I have heard Betty and Mary say the exact same thing about them. What a blessing all the way around.

There were 2 couples that were married this afternoon so they could be baptized tonight. There were 8 pages of information on each couple that had to filled out for the city. Each person had to have 2 witnesses each. They were so happy it was incredible. Then it came to the cost of the municple fees and it ended up being \$120 American each couple. Neither of these folks would ever have been able to come up with this fee so Berkshire Mission offered to pay it. Then Bob had Rigo call the Mayor to see if he could possibly wave some of the money as it was such a high cost. The Mayor came back with the answer of "no fee"! Now how is that for the grace of God shining down upon them and Berkshire Mission? I would say the favor of God was upon all involved! So the legal marriage took place at the municipality. Now tomorrow the new church will celebrate it s opening with the honor of performing 2 weddings. Officated by Pastor Dwight and Pastor Bill. Oh what a glorious start to a place of God. Just think how many angels will be singing of Gods mercy tomorrow.

This will be our last night meeting at the Central church. The church was packed

and overflowed onto front yard. We had 17 baptisms tonight and more that will be ready shortly. One woman who wanted to be baptized but was afraid to go into that very cold water as she is nursing worried what the cold would do to her milk supply . She will be baptized when it is warmer. But her heart has already decided. Bob estimates that we had about 100 more people than the opening night. It was so packed that it was impossible to count. We did count the VBS though and that was 265 children and many, many adults that we did not count. We are just so excited you might be able to hear our hearts beating loudly if you stick your head out the window. What a success for Jesus this mission has been.

May you rest safe in Jesus tonight and may you feel His arms wrapped tightly around you , rocking you gently in love. May angels fill your home and sing sweet love songs to you straight from the throne of God. You are the apple of His eye and He is continuously wooing you into His home. May you be so drenched from the dew of heaven, that water that drops fall from you onto everyone you meet. And remember my friend...Jesus has always loved you best!

Smiles as always,  
Jennifer Young, Mission Reporter