



November 2015

Hope all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving with your family and loved ones.

It has been a very busy and challenging time since my return to the village. The truth is that I have neglected writing because I felt that I did not have a lot of good things to write about. Because of the construction going on and not having all the comforts I was used to before it began, I became frustrated, without energy, little motivation and complained a lot to the Lord. It wasn't until a few days ago that I realized that my attitude was wrong and that I have so much to be thankful for. In reality, I have a lot more than the majority of people living here. I was heavily convicted for wanting more instead of being grateful for what the Lord has provided so far. As soon as I repented, I started to regain the strength and energy I have been missing. Praise the Lord!!

The Lord has continued to be faithful to His ministry and to me. In the last two months there has been:

An average of 10-15 salvations per week.



An average of 40-50 people attending Sunday church service per week including adults, young people and children.



An average of 100 people attending weekly Movie night.



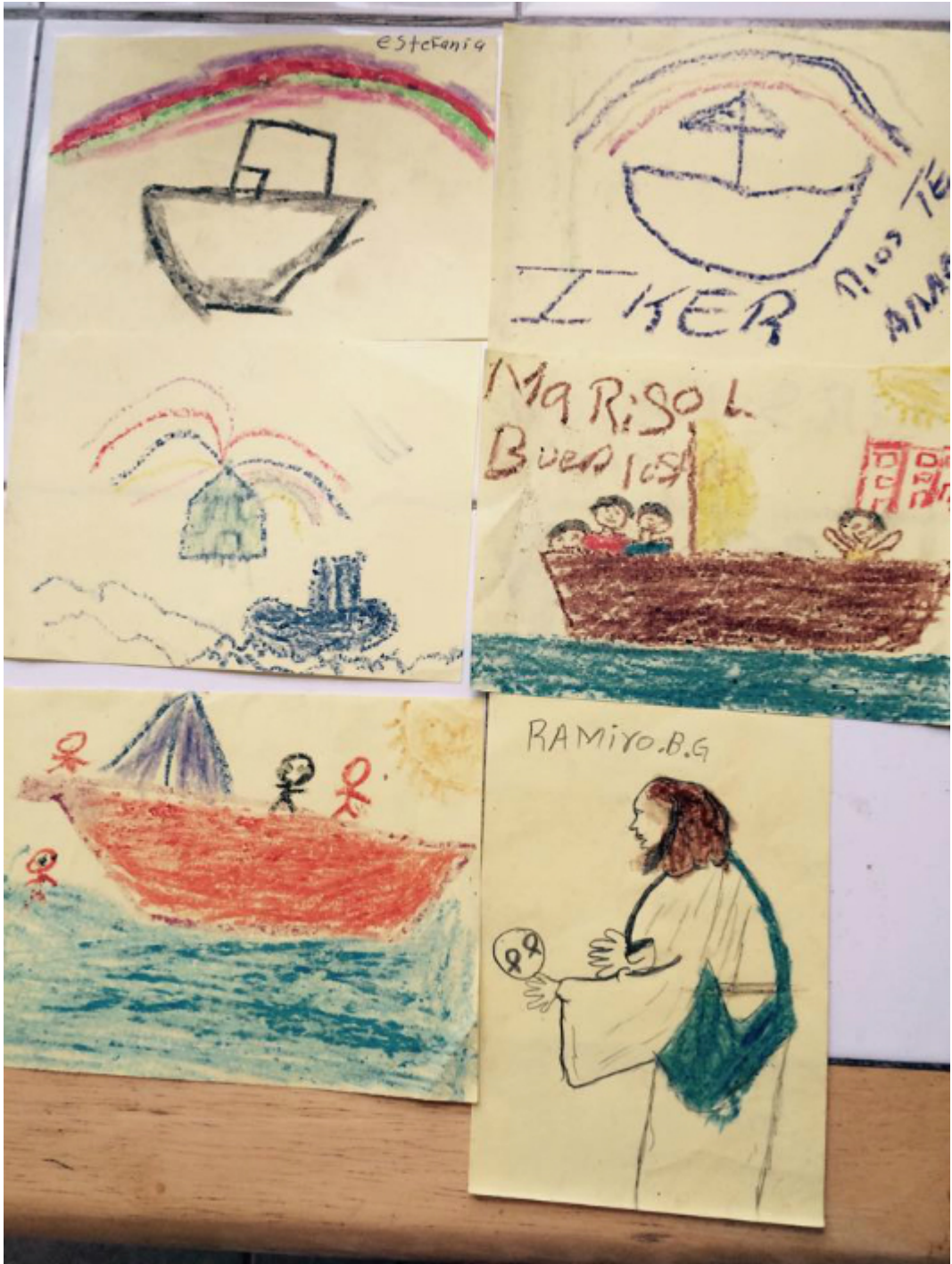
The literacy class is continuing to grow with an average of 20 students.



The Soccer club is also growing to 2 different category teams with 15 kids each and playing on a league.



About 50 kids at Bible Story time.



Needs

Although the numbers look good, there are so many needs here: the sick children who are left at home with no one to care for them; the many young people who are consuming drugs on a daily basis and are ending up at the hospital. The pregnant women that are left with no jobs and the husbands are trying to support a family of 4 with 100 pesos a day; the drunken men who physically and sexually abused their wives and children; the many workers who get injured on a daily basis; the many children who due to the migrating life style are not able to complete their primary education and it is ONLY me here!!

I have cried many times, "Lord if I only had a team or the finances to hire people to help with all of these issues, I would arrange for parenting classes, drug and alcohol rehab programs, at work safety programs, etc." It gets pretty overwhelming and again I cry out for help from the ONE that really knows the suffering and struggles of these people and my feelings of not being able to do more.

And then, the construction project, which has been pretty challenging as it has taken longer than anticipated. Thankfully, the Lord has brought the right workers and we will begin the completion of the second floor next week, believing that the resources will be there to finish with phase 1 (more on this later.)

Prayer Requests

I would appreciate your prayers for:

1. Personal struggles - Continued gratefulness, joy and peace.
2. Financial and monthly partnerships/workers provision.
3. Discernment for ongoing ministries.
4. Phase 1 construction completion.

Thank you to all that support BTTN with your finances and continued prayers. Without you, I would not be able to continue to do the work that God clearly called me to do here in Tayoltita. And, a very special Thank You to those of you who specifically provided the funds for me to be able to spend Christmas with my loved ones in California. I hope to connect with some of you over the Holidays.

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