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The Glorious Secret...







(Top and Left Photo) Lisa and me swimming Rio Mocoron with the crew; (Above Center) Our boys with our first visitors this year. Micah and Vannesa second row up from left, and Katie the USA Executive Director of IVA School and Reachout Honduras (middle second row down next to Lisa); (Above Right) La Casa Family and visitors started work on one of this year's projects, a boat dock!

Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases Him. (Philippians 2:12-13 NLT)

Hello and greetings to everyone! This year we hit the ground running! Blessed at the beginning of the year by having family members Micah and Vannesa Christenson here with us, along with Katie, the international Executive Director of Institute Vida Abundante (our boys' school) for the second half of February. Very encouraging time with them, and blessed beyond measure to share treasured time and fellowship.

With my growing understanding of God's Word, His ways, and God's will for my life, I am confident He has called me to disciple these boys one project at a time! Teaching them skills they can use for the rest of their lives. Realizing life is full of attempting things for the first time, I try to make the most out of these experiences. Whether we are building "cross cultural bridges," or "launching a dock" I can use this experience to relate that many of Jesus' disciples were fishermen. Docks are a place boats are launched for fishing, so we've centered the conversation of the dock building to symbolize launching into God's purpose - spreading the gospel and being fishers of men.

What else is new along with the dock? Youth Group at La Casa! This year we are offering a simple meal to be shared weekly with invited friends of our boys, followed by a Bible Q&A led by Pastor Ludy. "Don't be afraid! From now on you will be fishing for people!" (Luke 5:10 NLT) So La Casa (and a dock) both represent a place of security and transition, much like faith - it is a place to step out from, trusting God as we move forward, offering a place to serve as a safe harbor. Similarly, God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble. (Psalms 46:1) I am blessed to be given the opportunity to see what wonderful, God-loving men these boys are becoming, especially as we bring new younger boys into the home it really becomes apparent - their growth, both physically and spiritually has transpired to amazing heights. God is so, so good!

Mission Needs... As our boys have grown, we now have six nearly full grown young men (our high schoolers) plus Nefi still with us, and five junior high boys so our food costs are breaking us. These boys love to eat! Plus adding the youth group dinner doubles the plates on Thursday nights. La Casa del Camino would love to receive an additional \$550 per month that would go directly to our food budget. We are also experiencing equipment failures with the last of the original 60 amp charge controller recently failing (\$150), and a 12v - 300ah lithium battery (\$600) that continues to shut down. I believe the Battery Management System is shorting out and this requires me to manually disconnect and reconnect the battery multiple times throughout the day and night. Finally, we need to raise travel funds as Nefi prepares to enter the Police Academy in Comayagua (\$1525) - this requires 4 nights hotel and round-trip air travel out of La Moskitia for the initial application and testing for both Nefi (and Mike to accompany him this spring), and then again airfare for just Nefi in August. Please join us in prayer for these needs.



Partnerships & Praise...So incredibly relieved and grateful to report that the truck and all the related debts are paid in full! Thank you to all who made this possible! Praising God as Arnold and Carla have had another healthy baby boy, Josiah. All praise to Our King for the new boys who are adjusting to La Casa well and loving school! We have two new boys who are in need of sponsors, Soriano and Kilmer (AKA "Fish") because he's been swimming the Rio Mocoron with me since he was 7yrs old! Please send an email of interest for sponsorship to Lisa at mike lisa brenner@actionintl.org. We are excited to have more teams scheduled to visit La Casa in the coming weeks helping to mentor and disciple the boys, along with clean water projects, leader encouragement and training sessions.

Additional Contact Information... actioninternational.org/brenner For La Casa Del Camino news & photos please follow the blog at chosen2followhim.org on Instagram @Chosen2followhim and Instagram @lacasadelcamino honduras and <a href="mailto:Email

PRAYER REQUESTS

- > Please pray for Lisa and her family as we mourn the passing of her dad Jerry Grimsley.
- > For the "New Friends" youth group ministry to grow, drawing many into a relationship with Christ.
- > Pray for our support to increase & allow the ministry to continue to flourish, for His glory.
- > Asking God to bring another church or two alongside La Casa to help bear our ministry expenses.
- > Pray for safety for our visiting groups, and for one another to be filled with joy, knowing we have peace with God.

We owe it all to Him! Every action we do, should be **Of Him**, every blessing we receive, is **Through Him**, all praise and gratitude should be, **To Him**. Only by the power, grace and mercy of Christ can we even, **Choose Him**. **Thank you Lord**. Our tight budget and then funding that rolls in just in time is proof of His faithfulness. God never promised us that as servants of Christ, we won't experience hardships or difficulties in answering His call. But, He has promised us to succeed, "For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. Never be ashamed to tell others about our Lord... For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was His plan from before the beginning of time - to show us His grace through Christ Jesus" (2 Timothy 1:7-9 NLT).

In Him, For Him, and About Him, Mike and Lisa Brenner