

MERRY CHRISTMAS! from Panama

It's Christmastime in Panama! No ice or snow here, just hot and humid weather. Fall's tropical rains will soon end, marking the start of dry season from January through March, Panama's summer. We just finished the last Latin America ChildCare Christmas party and school's out until the beginning of March. Next month we'll share about the Christmas parties... so much fun! Please watch for the report at www.Boyds.org. If you aren't on our email mailing list, please sign our guestbook at www.Boyds.org/Guestbook.aspx or write us at Panorama@Boyds.org and we'll add you to our list.



Latin America Resource and Training Center - Construction Update

We've been back in Panama since July, following nine months of itineration, visiting supporting churches and individuals. You may recall seeing our video that showed us walking through the property where the Latin America Resource and Training Center (LARTC) facilities would be built. We challenged God's people to help us build a vehicle bridge, replacing the wood bridge that we crossed on the video.

And together we did it! It's not a bridge; instead we used twin five-foot culverts that allow full flow of the creek during heavy tropical rains. This change helped us to preserve the natural beauty of the area and we saved 20% in construction costs! The road is now extended another 100 yards past the creek to where the LARTC buildings will be located.

We are now preparing for the first two construction teams that will be with us in February and March. But there is so much to do before they arrive. Please pray with us that God would provide the necessary funds to complete four important preliminary steps:

- Grading and leveling to prepare for the foundations
- Purchase and installation of transformer and cable
- Road, drainage and septic work
- Foundation, columns and second-story floor of the first building phase.

All of this must be completed before the first team arrives in mid-February. If you are able to help, please send your offerings to:

AGWM
LARTC Project 14295
1445 Boonville Ave.
Springfield, MO 65802

Also, please pray that God would send additional teams in the coming months to continue construction on the building. Our goal is to be able to move our offices to the new facilities by December next year!

Please visit the www.LARTC.net website for additional information about the project, including building phases and specifications. From the LARTC.net website or our Panorama website at www.Boyds.org you can view the video construction update and a property tour.

Once again, we want to say thank you for partnering with us. Together we are raising up Christian leaders in Panama and throughout Spanish-speaking Latin America!

Rod and Sherry



For Information, Updates and Prayer Needs, please visit:

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www.LARTC.net

