

LITTLE DAVEY PROJECT 2019: SUSTAINING GROWTH

David and Deborah Kaiser and nine other Little Davey Project team members returned to Panama in July, blessing six Good Shepherd Schools with a total of 75 computers. Our daughter Stephanie and her kids Tate and Cal joined the team this year.

Little Davey continues to transition from larger desktop computer assembly to bringing in “mini” computers. This year the team brought in motherboard, memory and hard drives for 41 desktop computers and more than 35 mini computers. We purchase locally the desktop cases, monitors, keyboards/ mice and battery backups. By the end of “production day,” the team had 30 desktops assembled and ready plus another 6 in process, and all but about 5 of the minis fully configured.

On Monday, the team installed 15 computers at the Chepo Good Shepherd School and 17 at the Tocumen School. Upon returning to the Center, the team finished configuring the final few computers. On Tuesday, the team installed 10 computers at the Soldiers of Jesus Good Shepherd School and another 15 at the Canaan School. On Wednesday, the team packed up for the long trip to Santiago and installed 10 computers at the Monte de Sion Good Shepherd School.

Part of the team visited classrooms in each of the schools, sharing with children and youth about life in Portland, OR, while encouraging them with God’s Word and praying for them. Tate led several of these sharing sessions, talking about life in Connecticut. Grandma or Grandpa handled the translating. Nike also donated 5 soccer balls to each school.

Thursday morning we traveled to the Duima Good Shepherd School, located in a mountain region in the western part of Panama. We set up a new computer lab with 8 mini computers. For now, they’ll be powered by a small generator. But very soon, Duima will be connected to the power grid!

Little Davey Project also purchased 50 Sawyer water filters that are used with 5-gallon plastic buckets. The community gets their water from springs and streams. The 11th grade class, two science teachers and the nurse from the David Good Shepherd School met our team at the trailhead and helped carry the buckets, filters and computer equipment. The students helped assemble the buckets and filters. The teachers and nurse shared about the importance of clean water. David Kaiser shared about the Water of Life. The school received 4 buckets and filters. The combined team distributed the remaining buckets and filters to different school families and nearby homes.

As a special treat, the team stopped by the Aguadulce Good Shepherd, where the vision was born. Our experience with Aldo back in 2005 continues to inspire Little Davey to continue to bring technology Latin American children and youth. Each Little Davey Project team and experience leaves a unique impression. For me, this year’s lesson was “growth.” In each of the schools we visited, we can see how Little Davey’s small “computer” seed has grown, producing complete computer labs. Those first three or four computers have been multiplied into large labs with 25, 30, or more computers! Little Davey has been a key to producing and sustaining growth.

Thank you Little Davey Project Team, especially David and Deborah for your heart and vision for children and youth throughout Latin America.



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There’s more on the reverse side... Springfield Evangel Temple Team and LARTC Construction Update

EVANGEL TEMPLE... GOOD WORK AT THE LARTC

Pastor Charlie Arsenault brought a team of twenty from Evangel Temple (Springfield, MO) to complete a variety of projects at the LARTC. The team worked on three main fronts:

Half of the team worked as the painting crew. They did final spackling, base paint and final coat on the inside of the Atrium. They applied base paint and final coat to about two-thirds of the outside walls. They also painted about two-thirds of the housing wing doors. The “before and after” contrast in each of these areas was remarkable!

A quarter of the team built 70 linear feet of base cabinets for three areas in the commercial kitchen and breakfast room. Half were for the large U-shaped cabinets in the breakfast room. The remaining cabinets form a 6-foot square island and 20-foot L-shaped corner wall cabinets in the commercial kitchen. The white translucent acrylic fronts are gorgeous!

A quarter of the team built frames and stretched 30 large canvass prints of Panamanian landscapes provided by David and Deborah Kaiser’s business Digitype Design, our Little Davey Project team leaders. The team hung canvasses in the second floor guestrooms and hallway, library, conference room and hallway outside of the office, adding a homey feel to these areas.

Thank you, Pastor Charlie and team for your good work and investment in the Latin America Resource & Training Center. You were true 1 Cor. 15:58 servants... “...*be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.*” Your good work helps us to empower leaders, train teachers and prepare resources for current and future harvest workers!

PRAYER NEEDS & PRAISE REPORTS

- Praise the Lord! Almost \$100,000 was given in the second quarter that allowed us to continue work in the Atrium and purchase commercial kitchen appliances and cabinets.
- Please pray for planning efforts for four important international events: Sept 2019 - CIECAD Christian School Congress in Panama; April 2020 - Educators Summit in Guatemala; and Aug. 2020 - Educators Summit in Chile.
- Praise the Lord for the Little Davey Project team! They assembled and configured more than 75 computers for six schools in Panama.
- Praise the Lord for the work of the Evangel Temple (Springfield, MO) team!
- Please pray for the more than 200 Panamanian children who need a Childhope sponsor. Please visit: www.ChildHopeOnline.org.
- Please continue to pray for generous offerings for continued construction of the Atrium, commercial kitchen and training/administration addition. Please visit www.lartc.net for updates.



LARTC CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

In our Spring Panorama we shared our 2019-20 goals and budget for LARTC construction and our emphasis for the second quarter. We’re happy to report that since that report we received an additional \$90,000 in offerings and were able to accomplish more than expected in two important areas!

Atrium. The concrete floor was poured and pre-tile topping layer was completed. Plumbing pipe and electrical conduit were laid before the pour. The bridge, mezzanine and stair structures were built and the concrete flooring poured in these areas. All five decorative columns on the front were built and tiled. Six additional decorative columns were built inside the Atrium that cover the roof I-beam supports with about half of the tile work completed. The front and back glass windows and two all glass double doors in the front have been installed providing security for the entire building. All walls and stucco were completed except for a small section above the windows on the back wall. Thanks to the Springfield Evangel Temple team, the interior walls are now painted. Floor tile was purchased for the Atrium and laid along the front to accommodate installation of glass and doors and in the breakfast room in the back. The Evangel team built and installed cabinets in the breakfast room.

Commercial Kitchen. The gas system was installed, inspected and approved for the cooking wall and dishwasher. All commercial appliances were purchased and installed: refrigerator, freezer, icemaker, six-burner stove with standard oven, 36-inch griddle, 24-inch grill, 36-inch broiler (salamander), fryer, large convection oven, canopy-style dishwasher, sinks, etc. The Evangel team built the L-shaped wall cabinets and large island base cabinets.

Please pray with us for additional funds to continue work on the Atrium, commercial kitchen, training/admin addition and outside work.

