

What a difference a year makes!

This Christmas, as 2016 comes to an end, we rejoice in God's goodness and protection over our family. My are those grandkids growing! We thank God for more than 100 faithful churches and individuals who have stood by us in prayer and financial support down through the years. We especially celebrate His provision, guidance and strength during a very intense year of construction of the **Latin America Resource and Training Center**. And we say **thank you** to the dozens who have sacrificially given this year towards construction of the Center.

One year ago we had just cleared the land where the Center would be built. Last December was spent leveling the land... cutting into the hillside and filling the lower area by the creek. In January, foundations and columns were finished. In February, crossbeams and metal decking were placed, just in time for the first group to arrive to work on laying block. And so the work continued, month by month.

What a different a year makes! Today, the 9,000 square foot, two-story phase one building structure is complete! Finish work is underway... Painting, drop ceilings, floor tiles, doors and windows, electrical and plumbing are in process and should be completed in time for a January 2017 move in!

God provided two miracles along the way. First, we were approved for a \$50,000 matching offering. Second, dozens responded to the matching challenge with full commitments received two months before the deadline! As we step out in faith, we're asking God to provide what is needed to finish the building. And now...

Another miracle is on the way! We just received word that the same foundation that provided the first \$50,000 match has approved us for an additional \$50,000 matching grant! This will not only allow us to finish the phase one building, but will also help us to begin the phase two building! The first floor of the phase two building must be completed by July 2017 so that we'll be able to house the 50 that will attend the four-week Advanced Training session scheduled for August. The first MAPS construction team for the phase two building is scheduled for March. Please pray with us that we will receive \$50,000 in matching fund offerings (that provides a total of \$100,000!) and that three additional construction teams will join us by June 2017!

We're getting ready for the move! We're so grateful for the new facilities. Our team is growing and we're in desperate need of space! The new facilities will allow us to more effectively equip leaders, train teachers and develop and provide needed resources for Spanish-speaking Latin America.

Please visit both our www.Boyds.org website and the Center's website at www.lartc.net for news and updates. If you are able to help towards the new \$50,000 match, please send your year-end offerings to the address to the right.

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Once again, thank you for standing with us. Together we are raising up Christian leaders in Panama and throughout Latin America. With these leaders, we are preparing present and future harvest workers who will reach the unreached and go to places where we're not able to go!

Rod and Sherry



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