

# Pray For The Claypools

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*"For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line,  
here a little there a little" - Isaiah 28:9-10*

Dear Praying Friends and Family,

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Praise the Lord the floor is finished! The last nail was put in, in the evening of December 23rd, working by flashlight as the electricity had gone off. What a wonderful Christmas gift from the Lord!

During the last of November, the wood cutter came to us with the possibility of finishing floor. We were already looking at different possibilities for the house construction hoping to end the year well, and with his approaching us we were faced with the necessity of choosing a single path, instead of tackling various jobs at once. We chose to finish off the flooring while we had the opportunity, and we are very glad that we did. Now everything else will be able to build upon that foundation.

We still need doors and windows installed along with finishing the plumbing and general electrical installation, but having the flooring out of the way is a big encouragement and, with the Lord's guidance, promises faster development through the beginning of 2021. We even had enough boards left over that we were able to build both a front and back porch area that will be very useful for receiving visitors (front porch) and for utility purposes (back porch). What a surprise and extra blessing from our loving Lord!

Christmas and New Year's this year were much more subdued than usual due to the world situation, however, it was a peaceful time and we were even able to spend some of it up at the property. As a good start to the new year we have already talked with the carpenters and are working to set a time for them to come and install the doors and windows. What a joy that will be to see this task completed, checking off one more of the final phases and giving it all a greater sense of being "finished".

On the ministry front, we have had a couple of new visitors coming to church. One is a man named Monó [maw-NAW] who lives near the house where we are meeting. He was up in one of his palm trees cleaning it, when he heard our singing and decided to come and join in. Another is a young man named Guilherme [gill-YAIR-mee] who stopped in on his way to visit with Monó. He is known as being quite the scoundrel in the community, but we have made sure to let him know that he is welcome.

We don't know if their presence is going to be a continual thing or if it is simply a way to begin the new year religiously, but it gives us the chance to plant the seed and to do a little cultivation as the opportunity arises. Please pray with us for these two men for their salvation, and for their return as the devil will undoubtedly work very hard to keep them away.

Praise the Lord everyone remained faithful during the holiday season. There was even discussion of things that we could possibly do next year that were simply not possible to do this year with everything involved. It was good to see folks not only present but involved and thinking ahead.

We are looking forward to great opportunities in the coming year, and are very thankful for all of the prayer and financial support that you so faithfully give, especially during these difficult times. From our family to yours, we pray that your year ended well, in the grace of God, and that whatever this new year might bring to our lives, may it show forth His glory and evidence His greatness as our Saviour and as our God.

Your servants for His service,



The Claypools  
Doug, Amanda, Morgan, Kaitlyn & Sean