


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,

July 2020

Praise the Lord the restrictions due to the pandemic are beginning to loosen! As mentioned in the last prayer letter, in 3rd world developing countries it is a fine line between protection/precaution and living. Any restriction on living is seen as a restriction on life itself, such as limiting the number of people allowed in the market while everyone is trying to make their daily food purchase, or restricting the number of passengers in taxis while people are trying to get to town for their jobs.

As the whole world has seen, there were difficulties, but with the Lord's help we are seeing light at the end of the tunnel. São Tomé has been shut down since the middle of March, and if things continue as planned we will be all the way opened again by the 1st of August.

On a more positive note, we were pleased to see that the restrictions did not affect our church much. We were able to continue meeting as normal at people's houses for all but one Sunday when the capital was locked down and no one was allowed to leave the city for the roça.

We were also pleased to see Bobby coming on a regular basis throughout the past couple of months. Tiki has not come again since Easter and Hugo has opted for the "fun" life but we continue to pray for each of them and ask that you do the same. We are still friends with both and will have continued contact off and on.

The brick work is finished on the house, and the door and window frames have been installed. What a blessing it was to see all of this come together. The restrictions didn't really affect the working on the house per se, however, they have affected the time involved and the availability of material. On the timing, it has been a blessing as the tenant wanting to move in is still out of country. And as a small but effective example on materials, there are currently no extra chainsaw blades on the island so our woodcutter has been slow in providing floor boards needed.

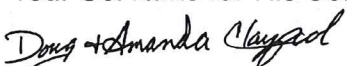
Right now we are in the middle of flooring with about 1/2 the house done and are waiting for more floor boards but the cutter has been slow in delivering. So, while we are waiting in that area, we are moving forward in the plumbing department working on finishing the septic and finalizing details for the plumber to run pipes.

We are so close we can almost taste it. We have taken to going up every other weekend or so to "picnic" at the house so the kids can organize their rooms and run around, while Amanda and I work through ideas on how we want the rest of the house to be. Please continue praying that the Lord will help the areas left to be completed and that we can finally move up.

In August it will be exactly 1 year that we started this project, and in truth all that the Lord has accomplished in that year is absolutely incredible. While we marvel at His power, we also are trying to keep everything in perspective, eagerly looking forward to what we can work on next.

Thank you all once again for your faithful support both in prayers and finances, and we continue praying for each one of you as we all work through the various measures that have been placed upon us. Praise the Lord, He has not changed through any of it, sometimes we just need to watch Him more closely.

Your Servants for His Service,



The Claypools

Doug, Amanda, Morgan, Kaitlyn & Sean