

June 2017 Open Arms Church welcomes new church in Pinal



We have exciting news we have started a new church plant which was officially inaugurated and dedicated to the Lord on June 11, 2017. Pastor and leaders from the Bicentennial Church and Robledo churches participated in the dedication service.



Jailer and Gloria Arboleda have been working in a marginalized area of Medellin in a place called Pinal. El Pinal is the second largest refugee settlement in all of Colombia. Gloria is working with the OAF prevention program with an objective of preventing young girls from ending up in sexual exploitation. The ministry to the girls is conducted by Gloria. Jailer decided to plant a church with Open Arms Church. The Church has been especially blessed with rapid church growth and as well as many who have wanted to help them in their new ministry.



Summer 2017 Recap

Thanks to the Lord we had a successful summer team season. It was a time of fellowship and blessing. The people who most benefited from the summer teams where the children. We could truly recognize a change in the children after the departure of the summer teams. They were a lot happier and easier to handle for the house parents. We also had reports from the school which said they were behaving better. It is amazing what can happen when people leave their homes and comfort to come share the love of Jesus with the least of these. We were also able to complete several projects at the boy's farm.

Kite flying at the Volador





In May 2017 thieves stole all the heavy metal grates for the entrance to the farm making access to the farm all but impossible. We were most grateful to the Riverlawn team for fixing the front entrance. They also were a tremendous encouragement to all the staff and children. Open Arms is grateful for their efforts.

Rebuilding the entrance to the Farm



Reynolda and River Oaks sent a combined team down this summer. They were able to preform a real soccer game with uniforms and soccer cleats for the children. The leader of them team Robin Cohen was also able to coordinate lovely arts and crafts with the boys and girls programs. They also repaired the basketball court for the children to play in, because it was getting the point to where it was a mud hole.





Steve aka the "Terminator" helping to fix the basketball court.







The New Construction Has Begun!

In accordance with the bible verse the Lord gave us Isaiah 58:12 :And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to dwell in. We have begun the new construction of the sleeping quarters for the new children. After changing our house design we have chosen to build the new construction on top of our workshop which has two benefits. We do not have to pour a new concrete floor for the new building we can use the saipan wood floor that already exists, and we also do not have to spend more money to have the old cabin torn down. We will do this project in two phases. The first phase which is currently underway will be to build the roof and the skeleton of the new building in steel structure. Then phase two will be installing four 300 square foot bed rooms of drywall and super board.







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We ask that you lift up the Foundation in prayer that God will provide us the funds in order to finish the phase two of the construction, so the Boy's can have a brand new place to live. We also ask that you keep Bill and Wanda Perrow's daughter Clara in your prayers that God would allow Clara to be adopted this year.

Pray for the children of the farm that God would continue to transform their lives. Please pray for the girls in the girl's program that they would not fall into a life of prostitution. We also ask for prayer for the Pinar church that God would bless Jailer and Gloria's efforts.



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