



1Co 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

We miss you: Home, family and friends. We miss the familiar and the memories. I listened to praise and worship songs last night while writing and thought of you all -- our dear family and friends. I have always liked how Paul referred to "my beloved" so that is why I am greeting you, as I am below. You are in our hearts and our prayers.

Ministry update... 3.30.2009

Dear beloved friend,

I wanted to drop a quick note with some pictures of what's happening with our agricultural training with the boys. Our goal is to teach them to feed themselves and their family, as well as, sell their harvest. Much learning and information is being transferred to our Children's Garden boys as they learn about different kinds of composting.... traditional, vermin-culture and bokashi (compost tea). And they are learning how to care for small animals and seedlings. The boys are sitting through lectures provided by the Department of Agriculture, with great patience, and enjoy immensely their opportunities to get their hands dirty, slimy, and gooey. We are very proud and excited about the change in our boys' lives, as Christ is showing in their attitudes, words and actions. Until now at the ages of 14-18, these boys have never sat in a classroom, followed a schedule, or learned to earn a wage and there are growing pains as they learn these vital skills.

This morning, our pastor read from 1 Corinthians 4: 1, 2....."Let a man regard us in this manner, as servants of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. In this case, moreover, it is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy."

He talked about what it means to be a servant, and a steward of the mystery of the Gospel; particularly being trustworthy and faithful to God and His Word. He spoke of our responsibility to our families, our charges, and tasks. Good words for me as I work with these former street kids, our staff, pastors and their churches. The spiritual and physical needs are great in our community, and we need to be faithful, focused and intentional in carrying out our responsibilities.

A verse that I share quite often when I am sharing our ministry comes from 1 Peter 3: 18....."Grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ". We are involved in a variety of activities with our boys, stretching them socially, mentally, physically, and developing their character. But all of that would be for nothing, if much was not made of Christ in their life. Our boys love God, and they sob with great joy as they consider where they have come from, and the supernatural healing that has happened in their lives. Our prayer is that they continue to grow and make Christ the Lord of their life.

Enjoy the pictures!

Thank you for your love and support.

Pray for us, our family, and the Children's Garden boys as the Lord leads.

Grace and peace to you,

Phil for the DeHart clan



Pastor Mike Sharing His Knowledge



Transplanting Cutting from a Palmeira Tree



The Boys Working at the Slope Ag Land Tech Garden



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Growth at the Slope Ag Land Tech Garden