

In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16

Berea UMC of Berea, KY Spends Week in El Paraiso Working Construction on the Church Building, July, 2008

On July 11, 2008 the fifteen-person team, consisting of eleven adults and four youth traveled from Berea, Kentucky to work construction and build relationships with the congregation at El Paraiso. Joining the congregation on Sunday night, 7-13 for worship, the team surveyed their potential work for the following day. Key details of the work included moving the sand, gravel, cement and water for mixing and pouring concrete for the Church Building.

Also included were the cutting of rebar, and cleaning and painting of beams to be installed. One of the team spent most of the week cutting and welding beams.

The team delivered over 200 personal hygiene kits (including toothbrushes, tooth paste, washcloths, soap and combs), 10 boxes of clothes, and a bin of medical supplies to be distributed by the local church.

The Berea team shared worship with the El Paraiso congregation on the Sunday evening following arrival and the Thursday evening toward the end of the week. Team leader, Skip Little, relates that the relationship building with the local pastor, local workers, the translator, Alejandro, and the children of the area made a deep impact on this construction team from Kentucky.



Berea Team Prior to Sunday Worship, 7-13



Mixing Concrete in the Time-Honored Way



Members of the Berea Team and Local Children at the Foot of the Cross on a Hillside that Overlooks El Paraiso



Painting Beams prior to Installation



Jon Welds Beams – “Hot Work”



The Berea Team included Charles Bertrand, Brent Billings, Chuck Conley, Alfredo Escobar, Jon Howson, Emily Kemp, Corey Lewis, Skip Little, Brittany Mosher, Shelly Mosher, Bob New, Donna New, Josh New, Maxine Snively, and Alex Williams.



Thursday Evening Worship Service