

# "THANKFUL-LEE"

*"Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name."  
1 Chronicles 29:13*

## La Carpio "Shantytown"

~Mauricio and Rosalia Sanchez  
~Brendan Blowers

La Carpio has no known internet connectivity, partly because of a major lack of resources, but also because of geographical isolation. Although within the capitol city of Costa Rica, it's a slum separated from surrounding areas by rivers on two sides and a garbage dump on a third; the only way in or out is one thin road.

Partnering with missionary Steve Edwards, who has served this isolated community for the last five years, we are helping shape the Christian impact here. A computer lab was already in place and running, installed in August 2008. Steve allowed the lab to be almost exclusively for the kids' use. However, with little supervision the lab was largely just a computer arcade, opening it up to a variety of computer viruses and not reaching its full potential for helping the kids.



Over the last few months, with an active role and hard work, we are seeing a huge turn-around in the lab. While in language school for his first year

here, Brendan Blowers used some of his free-time hanging out with these kids and practicing his newly acquired language skills. Eventually he discovered that their community center offered a lot of fun activities -

including access to the computer lab.

He began teaching classes but first had to devote considerable time to computer maintenance, including cleaning off the viruses, and loading office tools and training tools on each computer. Next was networking all 12 computers. The kids had been used to spending inordinate amounts of time playing senseless flash games; now Brendan introduced them to games with purpose.



Although he was used to teaching kids, he had never been given a chance to write his own curriculum. Putting together some challenging and fun lessons, Brendan began seeing God-given aptitude immersing from the kids. By mixing in educational games with their video games, he hooked them on a few with potential for developing creativity and problem-solving skills. While the kids are "playing," they are acquiring high level skills and at the same time being exposed to the Word of God.

*"He told them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.'" Luke 10:2*



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## Financial Update...

I am now at 97% for ongoing support, with only \$143/month left to reach 100%. MAF is allowing me to proceed with my move to Idaho as we trust the Lord to bring in the remaining 3% of ministry support.

## Praise and thankfulness...

Dear friends, you have been with me along this journey so far. You have seen deadlines for support come and go, but now you have seen the awesome work that our Lord can accomplish. As we set out from our training classes we were given a parting gift by MAF. It was a poster that contained the following scripture.

***“So, do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” Isaiah 41:10*** As I reflect on the process of getting to where I am today. I must attest to the truth of that scripture, and testify to the greatness of our Lord Jesus Christ.

***“Faithful is He who called you, and He will also bring it to pass.” 1 Thessalonians 5:24*** This scripture was at the bottom of weekly reports that I would submit. Along the way, I may have not been able to see how it would be possible, but today I can say that yes, indeed, the Lord has brought it to pass. I also want to offer my thanks to all of you who have walked beside me in the beginning of this journey. I am grateful for each of you who has prayed for me, encouraged me, and offered support along the way. You have been a true blessing from God.

## Next Steps...

Currently, I have a plan in place that will get me to Idaho during the week of November 16th. That date is quickly approaching, but seems feasible at the same time. So, presently, I'm packing, looking for a house to rent, wrapping up the other details of moving, and starting to say my goodbyes.



## Praise and Prayer...

- **Praise**...for reaching 97%, and being able to proceed with my move to Idaho.
- **Praise**...for the Lord's provision in this journey.
- **Pray**...for the remaining \$143/month that I need to reach 100%.
- **Pray**...for the details of moving.
  - Finding a house to live in.
  - Travel mercies for the move...over 1800 miles in a moving truck.
  - Finalizing all the little details.
  - Saying goodbyes.
- **Praise**...for all the help my team in Idaho has offered for the move.
- **Praise**...for all of the faithful people who have prayed for me, encouraged me, and offered support.

## PROGRESS TO THE GOAL

\$4,947/month

97%

\$143  
per month  
to go!

THE GOAL

0%

25%

50%

75%

100%

Monthly  
\$5,100