



CLINTON

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Tower Views

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Exciting News From the Rainbow Network Village, El Cobano

We received this letter by email from Megan Herrera, Executive Director and thought we should share it! 25 families will soon have a new home!

We recently purchased a piece of land in the community of El Cóbano, which is in our San Dionisio network. I got to go out and visit this property when I was in Nicaragua last month, and I was so excited to see where these homes are going to be built. These homes will offer a secure place to live, but they also bring a sense of joy, peace, and safety to families who are living in extreme poverty. This will be an amazing blessing.

Since our start in this region in April 2018, we have partnered with 18 communities in healthcare, nutrition, education, and economic development. Now, for the first time ever in San Dionisio, we are making plans and raising funds to build 25 new homes for families who desperately need this opportunity.

El Cóbano is home to over 300 people, with nearly 50% of the population being between the ages of 15 and 30. The most common jobs for people to find are in agriculture, bakeries or in domestic work such as cleaning or laundry. While the families are doing everything they can to find work and improve their lives, there is little room for growth or opportunity. Common homes in the San Dionisio region consist of wooden planks, rusty tin, feed sacks, mud, bamboo, and any other scraps the families can collect. It was one of the areas worst affected by hurricanes Eta and Iota in November 2020, and the families are eager to have a safe place to live.



The property we have purchased is less than one block away from the community school. It has a potable water supply and electrical hookups next to the property. There are fruit trees on the land which we will conserve and fertile land to grow gardens at each one of the homes. To top it all off, as you can see in the photos, it comes with a beautiful view of the mountains.

Rainbow Network has set up a colectivo for primary school children (pictured to the right) in the afternoons as well as a Nutrition Center to provide warm, healthy meals. Nearly 75 children attend these facilities each week. The community is extremely close-knit and is currently led by Community President Candida Molinares Orozco.

Thank you all for your support.

Blessings, Megan Herrera, Executive Director



Coming Up This Week!

Saturday, June 26th

7:30 AM—UMM at Dietz Family Buffet

8AM-Noon—Church work day

Sunday, June 27th

8:15 AM in-person
(on Facebook Live and KDKD too)
9:15 AM Sunday School (Adults and Kids)

Next Week's Scripture Readings:

Sunday: Psalm 130:1-8
Pray, wait, and hope in God.

Monday: 1 Timothy 2:1-7
Pray and know the freedom made possible by Jesus Christ.

Tuesday: Deuteronomy 24:10-22
Pray to live life toward others by God's standards of mercy and justice.

Wednesday: Mark 5:21-34
Pray to believe in the healing power of God found in Jesus.

Thursday: 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27
Pray to love others as God loves.

Friday: Mark 5:35-43
Pray to fearlessly trust in the life giving power of the risen Christ.

Saturday: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Pray for the faith to follow Jesus' example of generosity.

United Methodist Men to Meet This Saturday!

Calling all men! The United Methodist Men's group will meet this Saturday, June 26th at 7:30 AM at the Dietz Family Buffet. Join them for a time of food and fellowship! You'll be energized so then maybe you can head over to the church to help out a bit!

Work Day Coming Up This Saturday!



As we wind closer to the end of the renovation project we'll begin to reoccupy some of our spaces before we gain full access to the completed Worship Hall. The library is moving upstairs into the opened up area outside the elevator, we'll

have some casual seating for small group gathering and open space for story times and plays by the kids. We're hoping this bright and welcoming space encourages people to curl up with a good book and be inspired for an afternoon. Might also be a great place for some conversation with a cup of coffee for new and old friends.

Our offices are expecting windows this week which will check off one of the last items on our list before they are ready to occupy. We hope those of you that had an opportunity to take a walk through the space found it welcoming and efficient to conduct the behind the scenes business of the church. We'll be placing furniture soon and begin the work to get our supplies located in all the new storage cubbies. Flooring in the Lower Gathering space is being laid this week and should be ready for furniture, it'll start to feel a lot like home again very soon!

We are planning a work day on **Saturday, June 26 from 8am-noon**, hoping to sort through the items we've had in storage in the gym for a year and get them cleaned and ready to place back in service. Lots of dusty boxes to wipe off and open up again to rediscover our forgotten treasures! If you have an hour or two to spare we'd love to see you there!

Connect With Us!

Even though Pastor Steve is at not here anymore, we are still here for you!

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Prayers are needed for:

Gary Dubina,
Ron Arthur,
Keon Engeman, &
Melvin Dennis

