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"Neither is their salvation in any other, for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

Acts 4:12

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Dear Prayer Warriors,



Wow! God is Good! Whenever we look around (amidst all of the confusion and bad news) there are always exciting things happening in the Lord's agenda! To begin, the floorplans have been printed, and are waiting approval of the final building permit! This has been a long, tedious, stressful process. However, we can see the light at the end of the tunnel. Please help us pray for the final building permit to be approved. The process is difficult because we had a change in bureaucracy as it pertains to public works. This means a new unsure process, as well as the fact that the new church will be built in the middle of

a touristic zone, which complicates the process. Hopefully, by our next letter, we will be building!

The church in La Romana, **First Baptist Church of Vista Catalina**, has added some new members, as well as new believers, and visitors. Above, you can see **Rosa Paulino**, who was baptized this past Sunday. Her husband **Jefry** was led to the Lord a couple of weeks ago, and is also ready to follow the Lord in scriptural baptism. They have four sons! You can see them all above with some of our church leaders. Please pray for them in their growth as they walk with Jesus. The church is preparing to baptize six more as we close out the year! Please help us pray for some who are visiting who need the Lord, they are many. Space in our current facility is a major problem (please, again, pray for the new building). There are now Sunday school classes in the kitchen, and in the patio area outside. The nursery has overflowed into the youth room, and there is talk of having to give up the church office

It is very encouraging to see how they have been growing, in all areas. Please know that you have a great part in these many victories and new additions to the Family of God. You are always in our prayers and we thank you greatly for your continued support and prayers!

We love you all!

Matt, Flor, Andrew, Steven, and Jonathan Patton