

Zihuatanejo Roofing Project April, 2012



Prov.14:31 Those who oppress the poor insult their Maker, but helping the poor honors Him.

- † With God's provision we were able to complete 19 roofs and there are 2 on the waiting list for when we return at the end of October. They included mostly private homes(shacks), a new church in Vistamar and the laundry area of a home for abandoned seniors.**
- † Forming relationships with the local people was one of our primary goals and we now have many more friends and adopted?? grandchildren than we had before.**



Thank you to all who supported the Zihua Roofing Ministry. These are some of the people who will have a “dry” home in the rainy season this year.

† **Last newsletter we told you about Ana who is blind and needing a roof and when we were done she asked that we take her to see her husband who was staying with his parents after being**



Teodoro and Ana

discharged from the hospital.

Pastors John and Beti came with us and it was a blessing to see these two people who had not been together in 3 months to hug and have some special time together.

There was a lot of emotion and sharing with them and he was so

grateful for the roof that was provided for his wife. We prayed with them

and Ana was very grateful that we took her there to see him.

Teodoro passed away this past Monday April 10, 2012 and is now in the arms of Jesus!

† Lessons we have learned this past winter include what hard working people the Mexicans we have been dealing with really are. They work 6 sometimes 7 days a week for minimal pay averaging around \$80.00 to \$100.00 for the week which often includes approximately 55 to 100 hours a week. They do not have running water and still cook with wood sometimes inside the home causing respiratory problems. The man



in this picture has just walked up a dirt road for about 2 kilometers with this wood on his back, a scene you



may imagine would have happened 100 years ago. They use this wood for cooking on outdoor makeshift stoves. Incredible!!

† We learned what loving, appreciative people they are and how grateful they are for a little hand up. They were more than willing to honor the “pay it forward” part of receiving a new roof sometimes helping even after their “responsibility” was complete. At times there were 3 or 4 men putting a roof on a neighbors house, beautiful!!

† God provided enough funds that we could hire Filiberto to help with each roof and do the actual climbing and building. He was so grateful for the extra money for his family and is used to making 150 pesos per day driving cab. We were able to pay him 300 pesos per completed roof and he and his family were blessed as a result and remember that is approximately \$27.00 dollars, not much really. He helped with the purchasing of the materials and coordinating the “pay it forward” person as well.



Filiberto (Mexican foreman in the blue bandana), 2 other workers and Jessie the roof recipient



Before and after, the slats on the right are ready for the lamina sheeting



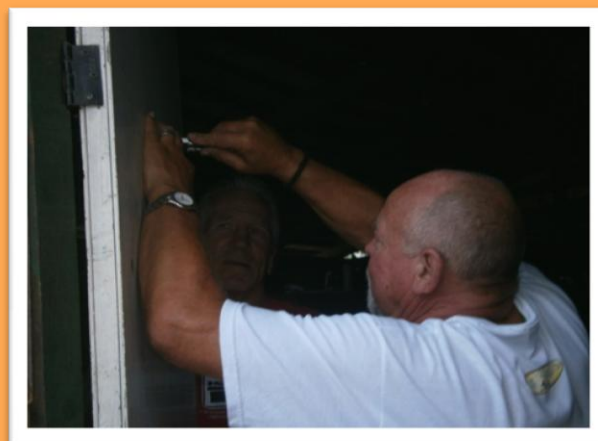
Filiberto, great sense of humor, great friend



Tamales

† Generosity to give back even though they have little is part of their culture. When we would go to bless the family and their new roof they would feed us and we would have a chance to have social time with them and a time for sharing.

† A John 3:16 plaque in Spanish is placed at the entrance to each home as a reminder of God's great love for His people and what He did for us because He loves us.

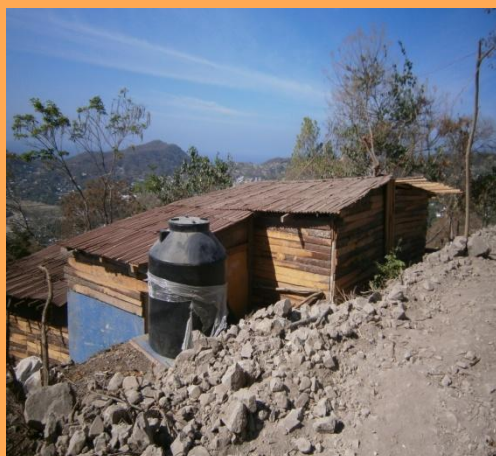


John 3:16 plaque being applied to the door of Ana's house

† Brieseyda, a single mom, and her 3 boys now have a house with a roof and a tanaco for water. She and her family live up high above Zihuatanejo with no running water or electricity but has hope for the future in Jesus. She and her eldest son Kevin have decided they will be baptized when we return to Zihua in the fall.



Blessing , plaque, fellowship



Water container, tanaco



Brieseyda and a neighbor and friends from Canada



New bathroom

† Another family that has a huge need is a mom & dad who are both sick, the mom with aids and the dad has not been diagnosed yet but it is assumed he has aids as well. They have 4 children and live in a falling down shack but Alberto is building a new home for them above their existing place. We provided funds for them to use for the roof once the rest is finished. Please pray that the medication will be effective and the children will not be orphaned.



Zefarina and her 4 kids



Old house below and new one up above

† Thank you to the Kids Helping Kids Ministry from Vernon, B.C. who provided enough funding for us to replace two roofs in a very poor community above Zihuatanejo. They made things to sell and had a garage sale last summer. God bless you!!

† We have finished our project for this year and left many friends there, many tears shed but glad to be home as well. We had a great weekend of worship at VAC and then Hear the Music, wow!! Pray for us as we plan our return in the fall.

Please check out our new website at www.zihuarooofs.com.

Thank you dear friends Roger & Karen for building our website for us.

Thank you all so much for your support and prayers and please share our newsletter with your friends and family.

Love & prayers,

Andy & Mo

