



Rocsana's Hope

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Vision and Faith in a Big God



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In June of 1983 I graduated from High School and three days later I was on a Trailways Bus with a one-way ticket to Kansas City, Missouri. My older sister Emily was attending a school called Christ Unlimited Bible Institute which was started and operated by Kansas City Youth For Christ. I had already been accepted to begin attending the same school in the fall of 1983 and also had been hired by Youth For Christ to work that summer at one of their two youth ranches, Circle-C Ranch in Edgerton, Kansas. I was so excited to be a part of this vibrant and high-impact ministry. The man who started Kansas City Youth for Christ was a man named Al Metsker, affectionately known as Dr. Al. At the time the ministry had released an informational video about all the different ministries that YFC was doing, and they were many. It was such an amazing ministry and at that time was affecting the lives of both young people and adults not just in the greater Kansas City area but it's influence was spreading out all over the US. I watched the video many times and just about memorized it. But there was one part I remember distinctly. It was about Dr. Al and how he started the ministry from scratch, that he was just a farm boy from Central Kansas, and so forth. But the one part talked about his "vision and faith in a big God" is what drove him to begin the ministry and see it grow to become the powerful and life-changing ministry it had turned into.

I have been thinking an awful lot about those words "his vision and faith in a big God" and what they mean to me now at this point in my life and ministry. I think about Rocsana's Hope and the vision that God has given to me about how it

Grand Opening/Open House

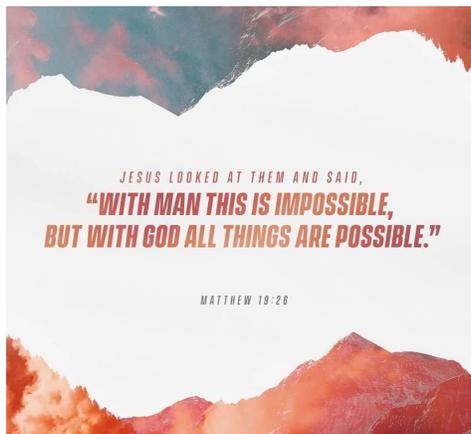
On Friday, May 17th, we will be having our Grand Opening/Open House to celebrate the official opening of our home and ministry here in San Lucas, Sacatepequez, Guatemala that we call Rocsana's Hope. The story of how we have arrived at this point of being able to actually open our doors is one of a big God who has blessed us beyond our expectations and provided this amazing home and location to operate in. It has been a vision for so long. But now by God's grace and His provision, we are now here and getting the house ready.

I fully expect to have some girls already with us by the time we have this special day of celebration, but this will be our day to actually announce to our friends and supporters as well as all those here in Guatemala that we have been or will be working with that we are now officially open and ready to start helping the young orphan girls of Guatemala who have no place to go and no one to help them. If you want to come, you are invited. Please message me for more information and we will help you



Grand Opening/Open House For Rocsana's Hope In San Lucas, Sacatepequez, Guatemala

Friday, May 17th
Open House will be all Day
Special Presentation at 7:00p.m.



can change the lives of so many young ladies here in Guatemala and throughout Central America. I think about how our vision for this location in San Lucas where we are now is just the first of several ministry locations all through Central America and maybe even beyond. I think about the opportunity to not just affect dozens of young ladies but maybe hundreds or even thousands.

To be honest I have never done anything of this magnitude before. Not even close. I have never aspired to be the leader of a grand organization or to be recognized in the public eye as a

great leader of a large ministry. I never really cared about that. What I have always wanted is that when my life is over, that my life and ministry will have made a difference in the lives of others for eternity. I want to be able to stand before God and have Him say "Well done".

Since we have arrived back in Guatemala, God has been blessing us in ways I have never experienced before. God has touched the hearts of many of you to be involved in a big way and to help us get the house ready to the point where we can open. And no matter what we do and purchase for the house, it seems like after we get what we need there is more in our account than there was before. It is so amazing to see. "I trust God" is almost a cliché for many believers, but we moved here BEFORE we had the resources we needed because we felt God leading us to do so. That was a real step of faith for us AND for Jeff and Esther as well. And while we have not yet purchased everything we need, we are well on the way. I can truly say that I believe we have "A Big God" and I hope that my vision and faith in Him will continue to grow. Thank you to every single one of you who have been a part and believe in what we are doing. God bless you.



As of the writing of this newsletter, we have had several interviews with a Guatemalan family who have applied to be the house parents here at Rocana's Hope. While we are not sure, it would appear that this family is indeed going to accept the position as house parents at Rocana's Hope. They will move into our home and be in position to immediately begin contributing to helping get the house ready and then work directly with the girls once they start coming in.

Their names are Selvin and Luckey Cosajay. They have three daughters, Dulce Jimena, age 11; Pamela Rocio, age 8; and Ana Maria, age 3. We have been praying for wisdom in the hiring process and we are continuing to trust God to guide us in this process as well. More news on this will accompany our next newsletter.

Rocsana's Hope will be hosting our very first mission team coming down on March 8-15. Oak Tree Church and Pastor David Cole will be bringing down a group to help us in the process of getting the house ready to start receiving young ladies. They will be working around the house during the day and then visiting orphanages in the late afternoon and evenings.

There is so much work to be done and having Pastor Dave and his team down for a week is going to help us tremendously in getting the house ready. The team will be doing some painting and repairing, and also they will take on the task of decorating the first room for our girls that we will be using for that purpose.

Pray for a safe and fruitful trip for the team and that God will bless them for the service.



How to Give to Rocsana's Hope

Sending a check through the mail:

-Make your check Payable to "Rocsana's Hope" You may use the return envelope enclosed with this newsletter, or just send it to the following address:

**Rocsana's Hope
PO Box 2013
Olathe, KS 66051**

Online Giving

If you are new to giving online and wish to do so, you may go to our website at www.rocsanashope.org and simply click the "donate" button. You can complete your gift right there on the site.

Working Hard to get the House Ready

We arrived in Guatemala on February 2nd and got the keys to the house on Monday, February 4th. It was completely empty and not yet ready for us to even move into yet. Half the house did not yet have electricity, there were no beds for us to sleep on, etc. It took about 4 days for us to get some beds bought and delivered before we were actually able to move in. We stocked up on some food and have been in the house since the first week. Now the process of getting it ready and workable to receive our first girls is well under way. We have been going through and getting different parts of the house ready. We got electricity to the part of the house that will serve as dorm rooms for the girls. This week, through God's gracious provision,

we were able to get the first beds ordered for the girls rooms which are going to be bunk beds such as you see pictured here. We should be able to get at least 24 girls into our program but if we do it right we might be able to increase that number to 30. When our first team comes down next week, we will be dedicating time and resources to getting the first girls room ready to house our first girls. Thanks to all who have helped financially, by making quilts, and by coming down to help. Every bit has been a huge blessing to us as we get closer to opening



Areas of Need UPDATE!

We first shared this special needs portion of our letter in the last few months and it has been a huge blessing to see God's people step up in a big way and give sacrificially to help us see these needs met. Please note that I am updating this area with what has been given so far to help meet these needs so you can see what is still left and, if the Lord leads you, be a part of helping to meet one or more of these needs.

You can give to help a SPECIFIC need from this list by simply following these steps:

- Go to www.rocsanashope.org
- Click the "DONATE" button
- Select "One-Time and Special Projects"
- Select an amount and designate what specifically from this list you want your gift to be used for.

1. 2016 Toyota Hiace —ONE TIME NEED— \$23,000.00—**\$4,000 already given!**
2. 15 Sets of wooden bunk beds—15 units needed—\$200.00 per unit or \$3,000.00 TOTAL—**\$400.00 already given!**
3. 30 Mattresses for bunk beds—\$100.00 per unit or \$3,000.00 TOTAL—**\$200 already given**
4. 15 Wood Armoire/Storage units for the girls rooms—\$150.00 per unit or \$2,250.00 TOTAL
5. 30 desktop or laptop computers - \$250.00 per unit or \$7,500.00 TOTAL—**2 units already given!**
6. Living Room Furniture—Open Amount up to \$1,000.00
7. Dining Room Table and Chairs—Open Amount up to \$850.00
8. Classroom work stations for up to 30 girls—\$95.00 per unit or up to \$2,850.00
9. Commercial 8 Burner Stove—ONE TIME NEED—\$775.00
10. Various Small Kitchen Appliances—Open Amount up to \$1,350.00
11. Pots, Pans, Sheets, and Cooking Utensils—Open Amount up to \$800.00

As you can see we have already received quite a bit of help in these areas and we want you to know how deeply grateful we are for your willingness to help be a part of helping us get what we need to minister to these girls.

We still have a ways to go and the only thing that we ask is that you pray about what part God might have you play in meeting these needs. Please only give if God specifically directs you to do so. So many of you have already helped and we could not be more grateful. We are trusting God to continue to provide every last need that we have. Pray for us and our faith as we continue to serve Him and prepare the house to receive the first girls very soon.