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Dear Pastors, Friends, & Family,

Last month I told you about our new store front for our church. We are very excited about getting the keys on November 1st, and being able to get started on the remodel! Until then, we are not allowed to do anything to the building. It can be hard to wait as we just want to get in and get started, but the truth is, we know that God's timing is perfect. Also, it gives us more time to try and raise the money needed for the remodel and the air conditioner. Again, I cannot get exact estimates until the building is officially ours, but it should be around \$15,000-\$20,000 to do what we need to do. We have been able to save a few thousand dollars up, and we had a church in Texas send in \$500 toward the building. It is always exciting to watch God work!

We had our first church group come for a missions trip last month from Crosspointe Baptist Church. I was a little unsure of how it would go as we did not yet have a building, but they were able to help us get several things done. I had new tracts printed out with our new address; we went out passing them out several days and were able to get the word out about us in the area around the church. Also, a couple of the men built our platform and pulpit for us! We cannot do anything to the building, but the owner agreed to let us in because the platform and pulpit did not affect the building at all. Another thing they did was host a cookout in order to meet some of our acquaintances here. Of course we were creating the opportunity to tell them why we were here. We had six people show up and it really went well. One of the fathers of one of Nick and Sam's basketball teammates came, and he and his family are very interested in our church because according to him, 'the Catholic church seems to always be adding and changing things." They have actually quit attending there and were excited that we stick to the Bible as our authority. Please pray for Miguel Angel and his family.

On another note, we have decided to put the boys in language school for a few months. We were hoping that by putting them in sports, taking them to the park, etc. that they would pick it up, but they need a boost. I went to sign them up last week, and the secretary, Magdalena, asked why we were here. I told her we were here to start a Baptist church. She got excited because her daughter went to the U.S. for 11th grade and lived with a family that went to a Baptist church. She loved it and even helped in their kids class. When I took an invitation back to Magdalena, I told her it was for her daughter. She said, "Me too. I will come with her." God is good!

Thank you for your prayers and support, Markie Bullock