



**October 2020**

### **A Reason to Always Be Prepared**

Being prepared to give the reason for the hope you have (1 Peter 3:15) becomes very real on a regular basis in Mahahual! One day this past week a troubled young man in his mid-20s found a refuge in the grace of the Lord, by what seemed to us to be complete chance. A man who gets a weekly food packet from us just “happened” to walk by, see us unloading food items, and pitched in to help. After we were done, we continued talking a few minutes on the sidewalk. All of a sudden he grabbed another young man who was riding by on a bike. “I know you,” he said with no hesitation. “You need to talk to the pastor.”

The young man was obviously a little intoxicated, but we invited him to Bible study in a few hours, hoping for the best, knowing that many don't return. Luis, the young man, came back. He sat in his chair for 30 minutes or so, and then left early. Might not see him again, right? Well, God brought him back again later that evening, and, unable to contain himself, he poured out in private a whole lot of things that a 20-year-old should not have had to experience. His statement after hearing the Word, “I never thought I'd find God in Mahahual.”

Some make their way to Mahahual to run away from problems, and they find us ready with compassion, the Word and the grace of God. We ask the Lord to keep using Cruz de Cristo as an instrument to bring them closer to Him and his saving forgiveness in Christ.

~ Pastor Valleskey

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## The Support Continues

Dan and Cindy Thiel organized and held a fundraiser event at Stoney Creek Adult Community Center in Muskego, WI, to support Costa Maya Ministries. Happenings on the mission front, Mexican food, and games were enjoyed by the residents. Dan previously volunteered with the church in Mahahual and continues to send support. Thank you, Dan and Cindy! God's blessings and thanks to all at Stoney Creek!







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The building project continues! The cement floor was recently poured on the second level of the education center. The lighthouse structure is taking shape and the roof of the worship area is in process.





Every Tuesday community members turn in their plastic chip to receive their food bag with a devotional sheet and other surprise items -- most recently, bookmarks saying "Cristo me ama." ("Jesus loves me.")



Church supporters help router and sand the wood for the new church pews while having fun doing it!

Online donations may be made at [www.Costamayaministries.org](http://www.Costamayaministries.org) or by check payable to

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