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Dear Partners in Christ, and indeed you are some terrific partners!

In a recent letter I explained, along with Dr. Clayton Shumpert, the need for a vocational school for Millennial new missionary candidates. The building required is a 70 by 100-foot steel building with concrete floor and electricity and driveway including all the backhoe work for \$35,000. This does not include a septic system.

In two weeks, since I wrote the first letter, \$17,500 has come in towards the project! Some of you are obviously especially observant and business-minded to know this is not only a very needed school to help new millennial missionaries feel confident in going to the unreached people groups in primitive areas but help them stay there long-term.



These funds, \$17,500 came from three different people. This is quite unusual for this amount to come in in one week! Others of our partners have said to me, "Let me know of projects like this so I can help fund the project." Maybe we can fund the remaining part of the project in one or two months. If there are some funds that go beyond the \$17,500 still needed, we could buy two toilets for the school, so students wouldn't have to come to our house to use the restroom. We can buy the toilets here for \$280 each.

The cost of building a large a steel building for \$35,000 probably will not come again. We only know one Christian contractor here who is qualified to do this project. How about we all pull together and finish this up in one or two months instead of a year? The 70 by 100 steel building will be used for a variety of purposes--additional Sunday school space, Bible conference center, vocational school, 4 year Bible School in the evenings, workshop to build furniture for missionaries, workshop to work on local pastors old cars and motorcycles, chicken butchering station, room for community meeting such as in Hawaiian luau as a fundraiser for a nearby orphanage.

Perhaps someone could fund a toilet or two or a septic tank. Or help fund the basic building. If we have the toilets, I can teach the Millennials two things: challenging work and how to hand dig a septic system. Now, I can make a homemade flushable toilet, but most ladies wouldn't like it. Water from the kitchen drain keeps it flushed but note the bathroom is not in the kitchen! I'm a specialist when it comes to creating unique out houses and bathrooms, but porcelain is what the ladies like, and if they are happy, then everybody is happy.

Give the millennial missionary a creek-powered do-it-yourself water pump, and a filter system to create potable water, a flush toilet and solar powered 12-volt lights, and ta-da! you have a happy missionary



couple that can accomplish the Great Commission long term! All this can be taught here, rain or shine for \$17,500 more.

If you would like to partner with us on this project, please send a check to CMC with a note stating, "for Les Zerbe-- Vocational school building."

Or if you wish to make a future donation, let us know so we can make plans. It will take the contractor 2 months to build. We can build in the rainy season, but it's sometimes quite inconvenient. The rainy season starts in May and lasts six months.

Our prayer is: "Lord, you know what we/they need." As the Lord supplies through his people, we'll git'er done."

A big thanks to all of you for your prayers and support.

Your partners in the ministry,

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