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God is Up to Something in Costa Rica

God is certainly up to something in Costa Rica. When we went to Costa Rica last year, it was an incredible trip, but the real highlight for us was the experience we had in Nicaragua. We were certainly looking forward to going back there again this year; however, God had different plans. Nicaragua was deemed too dangerous according to the locals who assist us there, and we were heartbroken on our way down, knowing that we would not be able to see the brothers and sisters in Christ there this year.

We scheduled a pretty full trip, and while we were there, we were able to share the gospel in five different locations scattered across the country. That made for an evangelistic outreach event almost every day we were there and not travelling, in addition to the Fifth Hammer-In event we helped with; it was truly incredible. We saw at least 35 people come to Christ in a variety of situations, with lives changed all across the country.

Not only that, but we saw the network of people we've been working with growing into something we never dreamed it would become...a loving family-like community centered around the craft that we all love and share.

I say all of this because God has been doing so much in Costa Rica that it truly boggles my mind. We were able to join in and host an event with a school there that has a very similar vision and values to what Redeemed Steel plans to do with our school currently under construction in Guatemala.

Beyond that, we were able to meet with brothers and sisters who are developing translation tools that will not only be useful to members of the Redeemed Steel network, but also to churches and ministries all over the world, across multiple cultures and languages. It was incredibly exciting to be a part of that.

On our day off, we connected with a local laser cutting company and cut the parts necessary to build a roof rack for Daniber, who so generously sacrifices his time and resources every time we are there. What a blessing it is to have such a brother as the heart of ministry in Costa Rica.

While we were there, we also taught a class for Global Action Ministries, one of our mission partners, and were able to introduce the life of Christ, taught at a collegiate level, to around 30 pastors and lay leaders who are looking to grow in their faith.

By the time we got home, we were utterly exhausted—but not for lack of desire to do even more. We would have gladly turned around and gone back to spend another week or two in this country that we love so much, with the people that we love even more.

God is truly up to something in Costa Rica. It has been the heart of Latin American ministry for us for quite some time, and even the vision God has given us for the schools we plan to build around the world began there.

Interestingly, while we were there this time, we were able to reconnect with one of the first churches we ever presented at and share again. God is using that church to reach people who are coming in and out of Nicaragua, so even though we weren't able to go directly, we are still connecting with those who are.

We are so thankful that we get to be a part of this. Lots of pictures are included here, though they don't even begin to do justice to the incredible work that God is doing.



Progress on The Redeemed Steel Trade School

Progress on the trade school is moving rapidly now. God graciously allowed us to pay for the construction at our hammer-in last year. Now, with that construction well and truly underway, we anticipate having the building complete by mid 2026. Of course we know that the completion of the building is only the first step. There's a lot of equipment that needs to go in there and we are anticipating needing to fundraise about \$50,000 to pay for all of it and to have it shipped in. By His grace, we hope to have our first classes sometime next year and we are actively working towards training ourselves and some of those more important areas.

We're also working on a discipleship program that will be an important part of every student's training. The goal of the school is not to simply teach young men and women how to make a living but to train them how to live. By transforming their mindsets and their hearts as much as their skill sets, we change culture, and this is how we make an eternal difference. This is the teach a man to fish part of the vision of the school which sets it apart from other ministry opportunities we've been able to do in the past. While we anticipate continuing to do those, we truly believe that the heart of change is not just providing physical needs but transforming the heart.

We hope to be able to dedicate this building sometime this year and begin acquiring all the equipment that we need in order to have that delivered in early 27 where we will then begin teaching our first classes, using the fabrication of some of the work tables as early welding projects for our first groups of students.

Please join us in prayer as we are actively seeking a native instructor who will serve as a headmaster for the school and as we seek those who will ultimately help us run these programs. The school in Guatemala is stage 1 and we know we have a lot to learn but we anticipate and hope that God allows us to continue to build not just this school but others across the world. Please consider supporting this vision by giving regularly to Redeemed Steel and or joining us personally in the mission.



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The Blood Sweat and Steel Weekend

I am extremely excited to share this last bit of information with you. Some of you may already know this, but it may be news to many of you that over the past several years I've been writing a book entitled *Redeemed Steel: A Bladesmith's Guide to Forging a Life*.

In the fall of this year, we plan to host a four day men's retreat in the beautiful Bitterroot Valley of Montana. This retreat will be hosted by our friends at New Frontier Ministries and will be held in partnership with Gary Barkalow and the good folks at The Noble Heart to introduce some of the teachings found in this book.

We'll spend four days forging knives in the mornings, and in the afternoons, we'll dig into the Word while growing in personal transformation, biblical brotherhood, and masculinity. In the evenings, we'll feast on buffalo chili and bison steaks and sit around a campfire, surrounded by some of the most breathtaking views you've ever experienced.

We want to keep this first event very small, so we're limiting it to 12 participants. Registration is open now, and if you'd like to reach out to me personally to ask about the event, I'd be happy to answer any questions. The event fees cover travel to and from the airport in Montana as well as all food and lodging throughout the week. Any proceeds go to supporting these three fantastic ministries.

This retreat is open to any man, regardless of age or smithing experience. We will teach you everything you need to know about making a knife while you're there, but we'll also be talking about things that run much deeper and are far more important. Every participant will leave with a finished knife and, God willing, a stronger walk with our Lord, along with bonds formed with other brothers that will last a lifetime.





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