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***“So roll up your sleeves, put your mind in gear, and be totally ready to receive the gift that’s coming when Jesus arrives.”
1Pe 1:13 (Msg)***



Dear Friends,

We have been discussing the importance of “making up your minds” a lot lately – it keeps coming up over and over. The fact that we have a God-given analytical ability to determine a course of action – the trick is in sticking to it and accomplishing what you have set out to do without wavering and indecisiveness. Isn’t it funny how when you know you have to do something, and you really don’t want to do it, the longer you put it off the more you don’t want to do it? And yet, you know that once it’s done you’re going to feel a whole lot better and have the freedom to do the things you really want to! Listening to myself I feel I am back at school with a teacher telling me, if you get it done quickly you can have the rest of the day to do what you like! Maybe that’s because I am now teaching Gabriel, and I find myself telling him the same thing! “Just do your work quickly, and then you can go and play!”



The truth of the matter is that the reward is so much greater than the inconvenience, and if we could only learn to fix our eyes on the gift that’s coming when Jesus arrives, to fix our HOPE on the promises in God’s Word, to anchor your very soul to the never-failing truth of Christ in you, the Hope of Glory, we will see the very substance of faith become evident in our lives. We will become unmoveable and able to fashion ourselves, through the renewing of our mind, from glory to glory, into the very image of Christ Jesus. And it all starts in your mind. You will be able to walk holy, even as He is holy, and the results of your geared up minds will be seen in your daily lives as you walk steadfast and pure. God has given us the power and the ability to have a sound mind. I pray courage for you to walk out the plan he has for you with diligence and excellence. And may you experience great joy every day along the way!



Together for His Glory,
Chris and Deborah – **and all at the AWY Vocational Centre**

**“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, He has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of our Lord.
Luke 4:18-19**

New Students!

Jeosafá Reports...



We have already completed the first phase of the Vocational Centre, successfully closing the Business Classes. I can speak to every certainty that this group was very different from the previous groups due to the profundity of the matters that were taught. This was possible because in the month of June I went to visit some former-students and I saw the difficulties that they had to begin their businesses and mainly how to manage the money. We are working with the maximum number of students, fifteen, and I believe that that is due to the grace of God, since 5 days before we were set to start classes, 10 of the 20 students we had lined up to come had given up and were not coming! *[Jeosafá did a great job of chasing up an extra five students to attend the school so we could run at full capacity! Thank you Jeosafá! -Ed]*



Members of the bank encouraging students in the matters of banking



I maintained a very rigorous teaching method with the emphasis being on problem solving. During the sales lessons many activities were applied which included percentages, identification and solutions of problems in a company and records of inputs and outputs. When I began the classes, student Carlos Francisco, from Cuamba, observed that all their lives people go every day to the market to sell their products, and they go home with the money from their sales. The next day they are there again, selling and selling and selling, but there was never a change in those people's condition. He asked why this happened. As the classes progressed and different topics were covered, I always concluded with the following statement: "That is why people don't progress in their business." At the end of the course he understood why many people go to the market but they don't advance in their business acumen.

All of the students appreciated the teaching and demonstrated great satisfaction in knowing how to manage a small company. I have been putting a lot of pressure on this group in the area of maintaining their daily records, to invest for the future, and to keep their money in the bank. To help them better to understand how a bank works, we invited two employees of the First National Bank to give a presentation and to remove the doubt of the students. Many students were afraid of the bank, because they thought that their money would get lost and not be returned. This time of teaching about banking transactions was very profitable, and the students participated well and asked many questions.

Another entertaining way of teaching them to administer a business, to maintain their records, and to invest in the future, was through the game Monopoly. This term I divided the students into teams and each team represented a real estate company. The rule was that all should register the activities their company carried out, whether selling or buying, making or receiving payments, and that no transaction should be made with another company without the partners first agreeing amongst themselves. They had to work together to evaluate situations and decide on a course of action. It was very rewarding to see them work together and make an effort to win 'business man of the week'! At first they had difficulty in identifying what was income and expenditure, but over time and with practice they developed their learning. The largest difficulty they have is with calculations – mainly to wrap up percentages, but they have been doing many practical exercises to help them understand this.



Personally, I see that I am growing in teaching and that brings me satisfaction. I like the results that I see in this group and I believe the true fruits will be seen when they are home. I am happy to be a part of that and I want to do more in addition to what I have been doing. I wait on God's ideas and vision from Him, so that everything that I come to do is productive and prospering. What comes from Him is His Word, and it doesn't return empty.

Above: Monopoly
Right: Market Research on the city streets



Thank You and God Bless,
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