

## HOPE Coffee

We are thankful for the changing seasons of the year that cause us to remember that God is faithful, and He desires a growing relationship with each of us. Thanksgiving will be here in a few short weeks and I thought it would be appropriate to share a few items of thanksgiving for myself, our family, and our HOPE Coffee team. I am thankful for: cooler weather and mentors who prompt me to exercise and read and take time to listen to what God wants to do in me. Our family is thankful for: God's guidance and protection for our family through a few minor accidents and injuries. Our HOPE Coffee team is thankful for: the 15 projects that have planted and watered the seed of the gospel and for the 5 new believers this year, the 92 new HOPE Partners serving HOPE Coffee, and, of course, the cooler weather which helps to increase sales so that we have funds to share the gospel.



I was reminded this week, by one of our friends, of a “God moment” a few years ago. Our team had gathered to seek God's will for the future direction of HOPE Coffee. In the process of identifying what makes us uniquely different from any other coffee company, God led us to the phrase, “Serve Better”. That phrase sums up the distinct nature of HOPE Coffee. Not only are we serving better coffee, but we are encouraging the body of Christ to serve families in their communities better by meeting physical needs as they share the gospel. Additionally, the phrase “Serve Better” is also a clarion call to myself, our leadership, and our staff, to have an attitude and practice of serving others.

Please pray for our leadership team of HOPE Coffee as each year, we strive to “Serve Better” in all of the ways mentioned, but also that we would be still and listen to God's prompting for the next steps in which He wants to direct our team and His business. Business and ministry, as you may well know, bring with it certain challenges and struggles through which each one on our team must depend on each other and on God to lead us.

Just after our last prayer letter, we received this great news. On September 15, Pastor Jorge Adame went to Adrian and Agustina's house to talk with them more about the upcoming project of a water tank, plumbing and shower that the church would install in November. As the pastor talked with them and shared the gospel, both Adrian and Agustina wanted to trust in Jesus for their eternal salvation. We praise God for these two new believers! Please pray for this young family as the church begins to disciple them in God's Word and for the project as it begins this November that it would also be a testimony to their neighbors and extended family.



Thank you for standing with us and praying for our family and HOPE Coffee as we focus on “Serving Better” so that the gospel can be planted and watered and we can rejoice when God gives the increase.

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