



GOD'S PROVISION IN PANAMA

from team leader John Castillo

The team visited Calcutta, a special needs orphanage that was founded by Mother Theresa. This orphanage also houses special needs adults who basically grow up and have no other place to go. It was a special, yet sad place. Although the nuns love the residents greatly, they don't have the resources to provide the therapy these children need, and as a result the children don't develop. We met many orphans who looked like children, but were actually adults who were under-developed. Many of the residents were also bedridden and could not talk at all. With those kids, we were able to provide touch, hold hands, stroke hair, and tell them that *Jesus te amo* (Jesus loves you). After visiting Calcutta, it was apparent why an orphanage like Casa Providencia is so necessary. For example, there were children with cerebral palsy who were unable to do anything but lie on a mat on the floor when out of their beds. These children, with proper therapy, could learn to walk. Casa Providencia will ultimately provide this type of therapy. In fact, the nuns at Calcutta want to send their children to Casa Providencia once it's complete, allowing the nuns to focus on their adult residents. The nuns pray one to two hours a day, every day, for each of the kids in the orphanage. You can feel that it's a place bathed in prayer.

We spent a few days at Casa Providencia, the 40,000 square ft former US Military facility which is being converted to a special needs orphanage by Heart's Cry. Matt Hedspeth gave the team a tour highlighting much of the work that had been done in the last year. He explained all the therapy equipment and staff resources that will be necessary and shared many stories of God's miraculous provision for the building. A lot has been accomplished since I had last seen the building two years prior. Tens of thousands of roof tiles had been replaced, as had much of the roof structure. An elevator been installed. Many of the rooms had been or were being reconditioned, a wheelchair ramp had been added, the entrance to the building had been revamped and a new driveway completed.

Most importantly, Matt has finally found a reliable contractor to do the remaining work - a huge answer to prayer! There is much still much to do in phase one: electrical, installing AC, lighting, security, fire alarms, cabling, etc. However, with the necessary funding, I could see the building being completed by the end of the year, which would allow them to move on to phase two: equipping and furnishing the various rooms, including ordering and installing therapy equipment. Does this sound like a lot to do? Yes, but we have a God who is much bigger than what is left to complete, and He has provided so much already in a sometimes miraculous fashion. I trust that He will continue to provide.

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CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Thursdays // 7pm at the Church Office, 8609 Jersey Ct. Raleigh NC 27617

A Christ-centered program for people seeking healing and freedom from hurts, habits and hang-ups. Everyone is welcome! southbridgefellowship.com/celebrate-recovery

STUDENTS

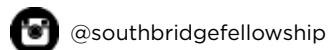
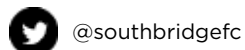
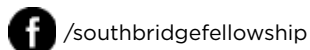
Sundays // 6-8pm at the Church Office, 8609 Jersey Ct. Raleigh NC 27617

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RUN TO RECLAIM 5K

Saturday, November 5

8am at the Brier Creek Movie Theater
Run, walk or jog to support adoptive families and orphan care. Only \$25 when registered by September 30. Register in the church app or online at runtoreclaim.org



WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT

September 30-October 1

Camp Agape in Fuquay-Varina
Ladies, join us for a weekend to deepen your understanding and ignite your passion for prayer. Registration and details in the church app or online at southbridgefellowship.com/events

FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of June 2016

Projected Fiscal YTD Giving...\$1,080,000

Actual Fiscal YTD Giving...\$1,092,157

Projected Giving for June...\$90,000

Actual Giving for June...\$105,122



DISCOVERING SOUTHBRIDGE

Sunday, August 14

After each service at the Blue Tent
New to Southbridge? You're invited to meet Pastor Scott, learn more about our unique story, and ask questions.



BAPTISM CLASS (FOR KIDS)

Sunday, August 21

1-2:30pm at the Church Office

This class is offered to parents and their children to learn about baptism. It's intended for children (K-5th grade) who have already placed their faith in Jesus. Sign up in the church app or online at southbridgefellowship.com/events

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