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Dear Praying Friends,

Easter season has just passed, and it was very busy for us. We did something very new to us for Resurrection Sunday this year! We had a dinner-drama for our evening service. I once saw my home church perform a dinner-drama for Christmas (they have done it several times since around 2018). It was titled "In Bethlehem Inn." People arrive to see the building decorated as a first-century building inside, with people in costume to welcome and take them to your table. They then serve you your drink, and the program begins with the drama's first act. Part of the meal is served between acts, and the drama continues, interspersed with the meal courses. I enjoyed it so much and liked the idea that I took the idea home and wrote a drama for Resurrection Sunday instead of Christmas. It is called "The Inn of Patmos". It is about a group of Christians who go to visit the apostle John on the island of Patmos not long after he writes the book of Revelation. They meet him at the island's Inn and organize a dinner, inviting all the occupants to join them. At the dinner, they recount the stories they had heard or experienced about Jesus since it was the anniversary of His resurrection. Nine of our people took part in acting out the play, and we had three ladies cooking and many people acting as waiters/waitresses. Also, many people helped with the decorations beforehand. We had ladies sewing a couple of costumes and cutting, hemming, and sewing curtains to cover the front and side walls. A few of our men helped hand curtains and build/stain a few furniture pieces. The end results were fantastic! I am adding pictures below. The dinner drama went very well, with a few minor bumps along the way, seeing as it was our first time doing anything like it, which is to be expected. I hope the church can repeat the drama every other year so that new people can witness it and hear of the amazing life of Jesus, including His death and resurrection!

Now it's time to prepare for Vacation Bible School. This year, we are again using Lifeway's material in Spanish. I am so thankful to have found something already in Spanish. It really helps to be able to use something that is already translated. We will begin working on decorations soon. We usually have a great group of people come up and help trace and paint pictures to cover the walls, as well as work on other smaller decorations. So many things are done behind the scenes of any VBS, and unless you have ever taken part in the work, you don't think about what goes into it. The people working in the background of VBS do a lot of hard work and are often overlooked, but the end results are amazing, and everyone enjoys the whole effect! If you haven't ever done so, thank your VBS workers!

Thank you for your continued prayers and support! God bless you all.

In Christ,

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