



2016 began with exciting news for Emanuel Youth Mission. Marvin Benavides, our Salvadoran in-country missionary, enrolled at Liberty University to improve his English reading, writing and speaking skills. Hannah Helbert, a former mission team member, is a senior at LU and very kind to be our guide, introducing Marvin to LU. Out of 4 levels of English, he tested already in the 3<sup>rd</sup> level. It is now 2 weeks of classes, he is doing well, and making friends. Most of his classmates are oriental, so he has even learned a few words in Chinese.



Coming to Virginia in January from tropical El Salvador, cold weather was an adjustment, and then we got "snow of the decade." Again, mission friends who traveled to El Salvador have given him some new experiences. Many thanks to all who have welcomed Marvin so warmly!



Yanci, our first mission sponsored student who has graduated from high school, is now being sponsored by Calvary Baptist Church in Lovingson, Virginia for college toward her medical degree. She is in San Salvador, a big city and huge change from very rural Taura, but she is adapting well, receiving the best grades from her orientation class. She returns to Taura every weekend to help manage the mission projects and help with the Taura clinic, which is held on Saturday. These pictures show her at work with a clinic patient, in the middle of her family, and working in her class at university. Thank you to all who donate for this opportunity, which will change Yanci's life, her family and her whole community.



As good as 2016 began, the last half of 2015 was very hard for the people of Taura. Taura is an agricultural community that depends upon the 6 month rainy season to grow their annual food and income crops. This year, it did not rain, and the people lost all their crops. They were in serious trouble. Children were starving. EYM sent your very kind donations for emergency food supplies and seed, fertilizer and fuel to replant some irrigated fields. Marvin planted corn and beans while he continued to contact non-profit organizations in El Salvador for emergency food until that harvest.



He finally received portions of lentils and rice for the people this autumn and then harvested the beans and corn around Christmas time to give to the people. The people praised God for His faithful provision, and EYM thanks all of you who donated as servant angels of God in this emergency.



Everyone did their part to help, young and old alike.

Marvin's daughter, Katy, is also helping.



**Emanuel Youth Mission** always has projects we pray to accomplish to help the people of Taura; however, we are also here as brothers and sisters in Christ when they have disasters and need our help. 100% of the funds you donate go to these projects and for emergencies like this. Listed below are some of the projects we continue as well as pray to be able to provide with your help.

**Sponsor students: \$300 per student per year.** Any contribution to Yanci's college fund is appreciated.

**Sponsor medical clinic: \$600/ month. Mosquito fumigation(Zika, Chickungunya prevention): \$150**

**Irrigation systems: \$1,500                      Food sustainability projects: \$500 per family**

**Solar panels for reverse osmosis clean water system: \$10,000** to make electricity affordable and consistent

**Truck to deliver clean water: \$30,000,** Taura has only 1 truck with many obligations as the only community transportation/school bus and cannot deliver as much clean water as is possible and needed by more families.

**Funds to build church in neighboring community: \$10,000**

**Funds for church to help the people,** Sunday school supplies, food for children, occasional community dinner: **\$400/month**

As you can see, mission friends, there is always much need. We greatly appreciate you partnering with us to be God's hands and feet, to literally "feed my sheep", as Jesus commanded us to do. All that Emanuel Youth Mission does we do in His name, to bring His love to the people and give them Hope. Taura has made much progress in 10 years, because you care. Children are surviving and thriving with clean water and medical care, receiving an education, and have prospects for a better future. **All of you have made this difference!**

Thank you very much! Blessings to you and yours,

John and Jonna Clarkson and Marvin Benavides

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