

Saludos,

I received a phone call this noon from Caty de la Rosa (Divino Salvador's Council President). Praise be to God that everyone in their congregation is safe.

They are still without electrical, but they have running water and there is now telephone, but no internet service. The roof on the west side of the temple (sanctuary) blew off and is laying in the street. The roof on the east side had seams open up and some sections missing. They can not go into the sanctuary due to the asbestos. The roof is actually a blessing in disguise as it had asbestos in it and the black spots, which they called black stars, are mold from water getting into it over the years. The wood laminated beams are still in place. They held church in fellowship hall this morning and will have to until the roof is in place. That is the major damage, but there obviously are others she didn't mention. Pastor Roger, they have insurance, but she didn't know what company it is nor did she know the procedure they needed to follow to file a claim. She also told me there was 4-5 feet of water in the temple which covered all the pews and even most of the altar. All their carpet will now have to be replaced, not just the carpet in the aisles. I'm sure the drywall up to a point also has to be replaced and what about table, chairs, church records, computers, copy machines and things kept in the day care rooms?

Caty said that Pastor Carmelo is safe and she will be visiting him this Tues. She said that 6-8 families in their church have lost their homes. They are currently being taken care of by FEMA. Ultimately they will have to rebuild their homes and they lives. Pastor Gabriel apparently lives quite a distance from the church on a normal basis, but it took him 5 hours to get to the church this morning due to downed trees and power lines.

A few other comments: Caty says the new doors we helped provide turned out just fine. They had to be washed down to get rid of the salt water and mud, but looked good. I told Caty that there is \$5,000 waiting in the bank that was wire transferred to them last Tuesday. She is aware of that. The bank has not been open since Tuesday and members of the church are too busy with their own welfare to check with the bank.

Dios les Bendiga!!!