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News

Guinea Equatorial: The CEC-Masvidal has decided to baptize the social dining room that we just started eight months ago in the city of Bata, with the name of 'Terribas-Roura Social Dining Room'. In this newsletter we offer you a special page with the photographs received during the last two months. Thanks again to everyone!

Devotional 'El Cenacle': You already have the App available on the PlayStore of Google, to be able to access the Daily Christian Devocionary 'The Cenacle'. If you want to have a taste, you can download three meditations recorded in MP3, just two minutes long, from the month of April next year:

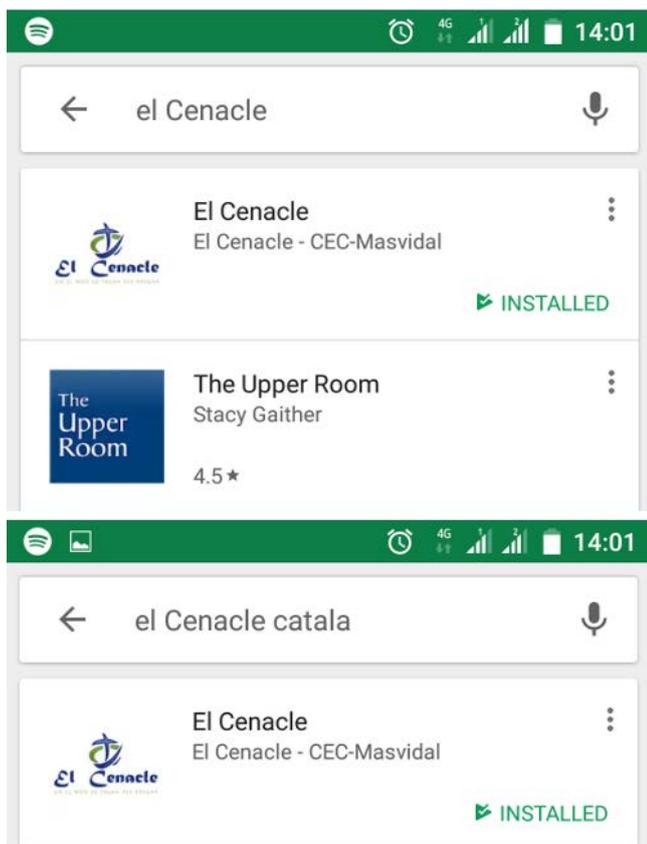
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It's worth to hear them!!!



Cristianos Monrepós: The social, pastoral and missionary service center that we have started in Sabiñánigo (Huesca) has already begun to provide services. During these two months we have been able to help with weekly shopping baskets, review classes for children and Spanish for foreigners, distribution of clothes finding housing for displaced persons. As of September we anticipate a significant increase in activity. We encourage you to help us purchase grocery shopping tickets (10-20-30 €).

Togo: We have received a request for assistance from Togo (Togolese Republic) that we will send to you. The missionary Koffi Luther tells us that they have a field of work and prayer from which they face many challenges and projects, especially in the field of shelters. That is why they ask for any type of collaboration, not just economic: if you are an architect and you can help telematically the project, it will also be something of much blessing. You can contact CEC-Masvidal and we will get you in touch with him. You can visit the mission's website at: <http://missionlumiereaumonde.simplesite.com>



'TERRIBAS-ROURA' SOCIAL DINING ROOM

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A SPECIAL COMPANION TO THE MISSION

The last time I participated in a missionary trip was in 2014 when I had the opportunity to travel with a group of brothers and sisters in Guatemala. On this trip we helped install special stoves that work with wood. We installed the stoves in several houses in very poor villages. With the new stoves people could enjoy an efficient use of wood and with less smoke pollution in the houses. My main task was to translate from English into Spanish and to make sure that people in the homes understood the correct way to use the stoves and take care of them. Also, I also learned to install the stoves and I helped the team in this task. Along with the installation team, the Bible and, of course, our Lord Jesus Christ, we brought a very special companion in the mission. This companion is 'El Aposento Alto' (The Upper Room).

El Aposento Alto is a daily meditation guide that is currently published in thirty-four languages in more than one hundred countries. Every two months the guide is published and distributed in most Spanish-speaking countries.

His daily content includes a title, a suggested biblical reading, a key verse, a reflection in the form of a witness followed by a prayer, a motive for prayer and a thought for the day. These elements combined and integrated in a special way and the simple style that invites reflection, make *El Aposento Alto* a very effective instrument to complement the missionary task and to share the word of God.

Every morning before going out to the task of installing the stoves, the missionary team met to have a devotional moment using the meditation of *El Aposento Alto* for that day. We read meditation, we sang praises to our God, we prayed for the special prayer of meditation and for the work of the day that was waiting for us. But we not only used *El Aposento Alto* for the spiritual enrichment and strengthening of the missionary team, but shared a part of the reflection in each house that installed the stoves. We also left a copy of the magazine in each house to continue with the daily devotional practice in the heart of the home. On several occasions we saw tears run through the cheeks of some people who later expressed that they felt as if the meditation had been written especially for them. The experience of being able to share the meditation of the day in a very humble house, often with the soil floor, broken roofs, smell of smoke due to the bonfire to cook, shocked me a lot. The reading of meditation within this context acquired new dimensions and a special realism. I felt that the kingdom of God became a reality among us. I felt touching a piece of the sky and valued more what I had compared to the economic poverty in which most people lived in that community. Poverty, but not necessarily spiritual poverty. I repeatedly recalled the words in Proverbs 14:21, "Whoever despises his neighbor sins, but whoever shows kindness to the poor will be happy." (ISV). We were happy to share with our neighbor not only material help, but spiritual bread through the reflection of *El Aposento Alto*. I am sure our brothers in Guatemala were very blessed by the testimonies and stories of faith shared through the pages of *El Aposento Alto*.

I do not know when it will be the next opportunity to work on a missionary trip but I am sure I do not have to go very far to participate in a missionary work, since the fields around us are ready for harvesting. I just have to remember that in addition to the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ and his Word, I have to take with me *El Aposento Alto* as a special companion on the mission.



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