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Although the people had seen foreigners before, we were told that never before had a group of foreigners visited that remote area. As a team, we had the opportunity to serve our brothers and sisters in their efforts to build their sanctuary by helping them put a roof on that beautiful adobe building. It was wonderful to share with them and them with us! Sure, there were no modern conveniences – but the blessings were so much greater. I know you would have loved it!

That’s the way it works when we obediently “enter their world.” No guarantees that everything will be easy, but I know that God will bless you as He has blessed us.



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