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Dear Friends,

I have so much to share I have decided to break the latest news into two parts. This letter will bring you up to date on the construction of our new building. In a few days, I will send another email updating you on the latest happenings in our current school.

In the last construction photo I sent, the large archway in our ground floor was not quite finished. Since then, not only has it been completed, but the ground floor walls have all been brought up to ceiling level, and just this past Sunday the entire ceiling of the ground floor was poured. It was quite an operation!



Let's start out with something fun . . .



You may have to zoom in on this . . . what looks at first like a woman posing in our archway is actually a worker tying cloth around his head to soften the burden of the nine bricks he is about to pile on top to transport them to the workers laying the walls.



This photo, taken on September 7th, was the first that really brought our floor plans to life! It shows part of the central courtyard (at lower left) plus one classroom and the kitchen area toward the rear of the building. A few more feet of ground floor wall remained to be built at this point.



Google has taken notice! Here are comparison shots from Google Maps, taken about one year apart. The screenshot on the left was taken soon after we bought the land in September 2021; the other was taken just a few weeks ago. You can see the walls of our school coming up.



Here's the east side of our ground floor, complete to ceiling level.



On the 24th of September, the wood frame that would contain the wet cement of the roof began to be put in place.



Here I am on the 6th of October, standing on top of the ground floor, looking over the work in progress. (The photographer was standing near the rear of the building looking forward.) It was fun to imagine what it will be like to stand above the lower courtyard and watch the children playing below.

The following two shots were taken just days apart. The one on the left shows the wooden frame in place above the walls and the one on the right after the roof was poured. As you can see, they've also begun work on the staircase.



Bonus photo:



A few of the kids that I meet almost every time I visit the site. They are waiting for our school to open!

Construction will begin work on the next floor soon! The contractor estimates that it (the 2nd of three floors) will be completed by mid-December.

More school news coming soon . . .

love,  
Connie