

## WOOD DEVOTIONAL

I returned from our trip for some strange reason frequently thinking about the wood, and all the time and effort put into it. The thought of Jesus being a carpenter kept coming to mind. I was asking, "Lord. What's the deal? What's the connection that I'm supposed to see?"

It sort of hit me this way:

- \* At the project, the wood is taken through a long, multi-step process to prepare it for use.
- \* The finished wood, e.g. in the Thomases' house, is beautiful to look at and see it has a purpose.
- \* Different pieces of wood are transformed for different purposes. All unique. All pieces, contributing to one vision, one goal, one mission – **The Abraham Project.**

- \* It is wood of value.
- \* Its value, from the many touches it receives, is very great.

However, the wood for the project is considered scrap & worthless by others before it comes to The Abraham Project. **It is only seen as ready to be discarded or burned**

- \* That's a parallel for the lives of the children The Abraham Project will touch.
- \* **The children are discarded by the Costa Rican society.**
- **Often considered worthless.**
- But the Lord Jesus, the Carpenter, has a plan to transform these children. **It will happen at The Abraham Project.**
- \* Some things will have to be removed from their lives – **can be paralleled to the nails and staples that are removed from the boards.**
- \* Though holes are left behind, Christ will fill those holes with Himself, His Spirit, and ministry from the lives of others - **the sawdust which came from many pieces of wood is converted to paste and used to fill the holes/ wood plugs are made and used to fill the holes.**
- \* Protection from the evil one will occur - the Holy Spirit's sealing - **treating the wood against the insects.**
- \* The constant refining of the Master in the lives of the kids - **sanding, varnish, sanding, varnishing - sometimes filling the holes with more.**
- \* Till one day He has prepared us for our specific purpose in the body, His church - **and each piece of wood is made ready for its designed purpose at The Abraham Project.**
- \* It all takes time and many touches.
- \* **And we already know He's wonderfully touched some workers, some of the orphans who were at the children's home, many North and Central Americans and probably others.**

### **The Abraham Project –**

It's about taking those who the world calls the discarded outcasts, seeing the value that's in them, and being used in transforming them with His love to be what He will use to build His Kingdom. It started with discarded wood, destined to be burned, being transformed into valuable materials, to build a place to minister to kids in Costa Rica and beyond.

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