



# The Atkins Family

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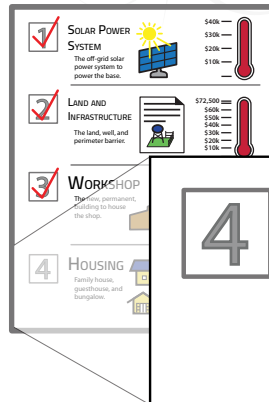
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Cashew  
trees are  
flowering!



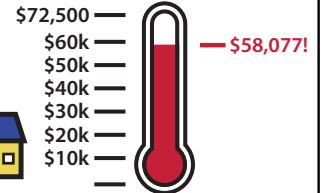
## New Base Fundraising Progress



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## HOUSING

Family house,  
guesthouse, and  
bungalow.



## Redemption *by Jason*

I was forced recently to finally sit down and take the time to diagnose a saw that I've had for years, which ever since I bought used, has never cut straight. The saw was parts in boxes at the auction when I found it and was an incredible deal. When I arrived home with it and started cleaning up the parts, I couldn't believe such a nice saw had been discarded. After replacing a few worn pieces and making a few others, the saw was working again. It never cut straight, but was a backup, so we always kind of lived with it.

Recently, the main saw we use to cut steel to length was out of blades, so the backup was pressed into primary service. We had enough work for it that correcting the crooked cuts in the stock was finally going to be more work on a single job than just fixing the saw's problem, so I dove in. Fortunately, the U.S. manufacturer of the saw, Ellis, has incredible phone support, and a 12-minute call was all of the advice I needed to get me headed in the right direction on the repair. After a few hours, the saw now cuts better than it has since we've had it. It has an adjustable cutting angle feature that the main saw doesn't have (which is the reason I bought it in the first place) and will now be a regularly-used and valuable part of the shop!

As I was repairing the saw, getting great satisfaction out of putting something right that has been working improperly and being a low-grade annoyance in the shop for years, I realized how glad I am that God is patient with us. There is a point where machinery is enough work or expense to fix that it becomes economically unviable to repair. Those machines are replaced, scrapped, and eventually forgotten. God's economy is different, though! How amazing is it that God, who is perfect, is patient with our "mis-alignments" (or downright defiance sometimes!) and is willing to patiently wait for us to be willing to let Him work in our hearts to put us back to the way He intended when He made us?



## Peniel Expands *by Jason*

Since we moved to Canchungo, our neighbor has been a quiet Brazilian missionary named Elvina (El-VEE-nah). She started and runs a Christian elementary school here, named Peniel. She's been in Canchungo forever, maybe 25 years? Her school has operated in a rented building since she began it, but she's recently purchased a piece of land to build a new school on! We're excited for her. The new building will be a permanent home for Peniel and also give them more space to expand. I was able to take our drone over and help her with some initial site planning, as they're still in the beginning (cont'd)

*Right: Their land has been cleared and they've made about 4,000 cinder blocks (the cubes you see on the ground) for the school building.*



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Ministry update from  
*Jason & Emily Atkins'*  
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## Steady Progress *by Jason*

Our guys have been hard at work over the last few months, making steady progress on our house's foundation, the floor of the first bungalow, digging septic tanks, and a roof for the garage / construction storage building. They've learned a new way of pouring concrete floors that will hopefully result in a flatter, more stable slab than we're generally used to seeing here. We've chosen to start with some smaller projects and hone our methods before moving on to the bigger ones like the shop. It's incredibly encouraging to see new progress each month. Thank you again for your involvement and interest in the construction project! Our prayer is that the new base will allow our impact in Guinea-Bissau to continue to grow.



*Left: Upa (OO-pah), seen here digging and smashing through rocky soil to make space for construction of the guest housing septic tank, has been working with us for several months and also goes to the same church.*

*Right: The guys prep for the slab pour for the first bungalow's floor.*



## Peniel Expands (cont'd) *by Jason*

... stages of construction. The initial building will have four classrooms. As her construction progress will likely be a step or two behind ours for most of the way, I'm hopeful some of our expertise and equipment can also help her periodically. If any of you feel led to help contribute to her school construction project, please get in contact with us so that we can get you the details for donations. She's doing great work, and we'd be delighted to help any of you who feel led to connect with her.



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