

Wednesday: During all or part of our last building day, team members from Peace Lutheran Church in Arvada, Colorado, wore special blue T-shirts.



Gathering tools in the Casas warehouse



Attaching horizontal roof beams

Siding progress



Metal roofing going up



Adjusting its position



Screwing down the metal roof



Then the roofing sheets came quickly



and were installed quickly



Installing the top roof edging

The metal roof was put on top and secured by three men. (Yes, for the last photo I had to be higher than the roof.) The siding was slowly finished because pieces had to be cut for the window and door positions and eventually for a sloping top of two of the walls. The windows and doors were installed, and edged with trim.



Installing the front window



Installing electrical wires



Installing fiberboard interior walls

Fiberboard was installed on only one side of interior walls (leaving no sealed walls in which animals could nest). Electrical switches and outlets and connecting wires were put in place. They were temporarily tested with power from the portable generator. (These simple homes do not have plumbing installed.)



Finishing north siding



Hole-filling caulking is applied inside



Installing rear door



Adjusting more electrical wires



Mrs. Hernandez (home owner) center



Rice/beans, chicken, pasta,..., salad



Interviewed for local video

The red bowl has cut avocados, likely fresh from the tree near the new home.

Though some new homes are painted after the builder teams leave, our family indicated that, at least initially, only a varnish would be added to the wood.



Avocado tree near home



Corner and openings with trim boards



Interior walls



Bunk beds for girls

Donors also provided the family with some extras - beds, dining table, chairs, gas stove and oven.



Main bedroom and bed



Gas stove and oven

In the late afternoon much of the local community gathered for the dedication, lead by the local pastors. Local songs of praise began the dedication. Team members gave gifts of signed Bibles, house key, and Casas house label. It was a time for rejoicing.



Neighbors are gathering



More neighbors and Casas truck



Waiting for celebration



The Hernandez family



Starting the celebration



Several joyous songs, audience clapping



The pastor then gave a talk in Spanish and his helper summarized it for us.





The pastor's address about the home



The summary in English



Our Casas leader/supervisor



Presenting the Hernandez family



Giving signed youth Bible to children



Giving signed Bible to family



Giving house key to mother



First nail in Casas plate by our team



Second nail by mother



Bill's words mentions the other gifts



Colleen's words for the family



Some of family's responses



Many group photos were then taken, followed by dancing in the street.

(Assembled by Dr. Ed Holroyd, 28 June 2026)

