

Dear Friends and Family,

We will be sending the next edition of Honduras Happenings soon, but if you have noticed on the news or through social media, there is a lot of political unrest in Honduras right now.

A presidential election was held on Sunday, November 26. The results are still not final. There are two candidates separated by less than 2% with about 85% or 90% of the polling places tallied. One candidate is the incumbent, who is being allowed to run for a second term via a ruling by the country's Supreme Court. There is much dissent due to the fact that he is even allowed to run. The other candidate is a television personality who is making his second attempt to win the presidency. He is backed by the ex-president who was removed from office the year we arrived here (2009) for basically trying to do the same thing the current incumbent is doing. Go figure!

Today is now day 5 of counting votes. The opposition party is claiming fraud on the part of the incumbent, and they are beginning to act out on the streets. There have been buildings burned, police attacked, and roads blocked by opposition protesters. The incumbent's supporters have also been holding rallies that block streets and cause disruption.

Here in Comayagua there has not been as much, or as violent, activity. We have stocked up on food, filled the truck's tank, and withdrawn some cash from the bank, in order to prepare for any circumstance. We are staying in our house as much as possible. We do not currently feel threatened here in Comayagua. The main issue here is roads blocked by burning tires and debris, and people gathering to march in protest.

We ask you to keep the country of Honduras in your prayers as this election plays out. Please pray for peace, and that the leaders will do what's needed in order to calm their respective supporters. Also, please pray for the safety of the people and for the safety of not only us, but also all of the missionaries who live and serve in Honduras.

Grace and peace to all,
Greg and Janet Brewster