

## *Honduras Happenings*

### *January - February 2018*

*Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails.*

*Proverbs 19:21*

Saludes de Honduras!

We pray this letter finds you enjoying God's blessings and sharing the love of Jesus with those He puts in front of you. We thank God that His purpose prevails, not ours.

We arrived in Honduras on January 16<sup>th</sup>. The political unrest due to the presidential election continued until the President's inauguration on Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. We were advised by the US Embassy that protests were planned. They warned of streets being blocked with fire and protestors, possible loss of electricity, and escalating situations with the protest groups. We were told to stay indoors for the weekend, to stock up on food and extra water, and to have our cell phones fully charged at all times. The Honduran military was activated to handle dangerous situations. It reminded us of preparing for a "big snow" in Kentucky – except for the military part.

We are thankful to report that peace has returned to Honduras. We feel safe going to the town square again to walk around and visit with friends. We feel safe being out (in our car) after dark and there are no more scorch marks on the roads from burning tires. While we, personally, were never in the midst of a dangerous situation throughout this time of unrest, we were always on "high alert" while out and about – and that can wear you down.

We pray for the leaders of Honduras, that they will be people of dignity and honor; that they know our Jesus and desire to honor Him with their lives and their leadership.

Here's a recap of the past two months....

#### **El Ayudante (EA) Mobile Medical Clinic:**

Along with the medical doctor, EA is now sending a dentist up the mountain with us. Doctora Blanca sets up her chair in the living room area of Doña Patrocinia's house along with the nurse and receptionist. (Privacy is not a priority here). Doctora Blanca performs extractions and cleanings in the mobile clinic.

Our first trip out to EA after returning from the states, God welcomed us with the splendor of His creation. It was as if he was saying, "Good morning, welcome back." We will never tire of the beauty of this place.



*Our view on the road to EA.*

**La Viña Youth:** We continue to meet with the youth of our church. Juli and Carlos continue as co-leaders. In December, we asked the youth to write out questions they had and we are tailoring our Devotions to address those questions. In answer to the question, "If God loves me so much, why doesn't he answer my prayers?" we read the story of Joseph. We talked about the many times when Joseph must have wondered why God was not answering his prayers and about how sometimes, we must go through tough situations in order that God can prepare us for future blessings.

**Ebenezer Colegio (High School):** School is now in session and Saturday morning tutoring has begun. Always a challenge, always rewarding. While some students are attentive and want to learn, others are there only because their teacher says they must attend. We pray hard and we pray often!

**Genesis Bible Study:** We have begun the Bible Study with the men and women of our church. Each group meets twice a month. We are excited to see how God will use this study to encourage and teach us, that we might honor Him more with our lives.



*Women's Bible Study group. We decorated our journals.  
Ages range from age 12 to 70!*

### **Saying Good-bye:**

Nine years ago, we were in the process of selling our house in the states and giving away our possessions in order to answer God's call to move to Honduras. We had made a commitment to serve Hogar de Niños, Nazareth for five years. We knew why we were going. We knew what we would be doing. Leaving friends and family was sad and difficult. However, we learned very quickly that there is no better place to be than in God's will.

Now, we find ourselves answering God's call again. His call back to the states. This time we aren't sure of the "why" or the "what". However, we continue to be sure of the fact that there is no better place to be than in God's will. Again, we find ourselves saying goodbye to "family" and friends and selling our possessions.

Our current plan, God willing, is to move back to the states in mid to late August. We know God has a plan for us and we know His plan is perfect. So, we move forward in faith, trusting God in the midst of our mixed emotions.

We will continue to send out updates through August and we thank you for walking alongside of us in this journey.

### **Praises:**

- We are thankful for peace in Honduras.
- Our Christmas trip to the states was filled with family, friends and fun. We even had a snow shower on Christmas Eve!
- The Genesis Bible Study is underway.

### **Prayer Requests:**

- Please continue to pray for the Youth of La Viña Church, that they will continue to grow in their faith and understanding of who Jesus is and the sacrifice he made for us.
- Please pray for us as we begin to say "good-bye" to a country and a people that we have come to love over the past nine years. We each process things VERY differently. Pray that we will be filled with grace for each other as we work through our different emotions during this time.
- Please pray for our friends studying in the University. Pray for calmness, confidence and clarity of thought as they prepare for and take their exams.

*If you have specific prayer requests, please let us know. We would be honored to pray for you.*

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