

Dear Friends and Supporters,

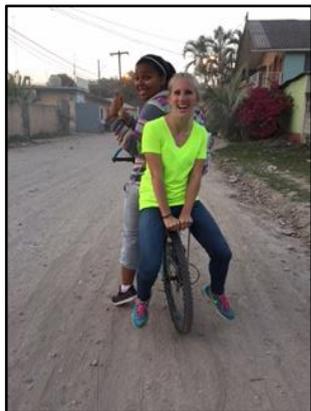
I hope that you are enjoying your winter weather. Dry season has started here, and the days are usually in the 70's with blue sky and sunshine and lots of flowers blooming on the walls and on the trees. I don't miss the winter at all, although this was my first Christmas away from home. The Hondurans love fireworks, so any time there is a celebration, fireworks are involved. On Christmas Eve, extended families often spend the whole night together around a campfire with music and food and fireworks. On New Year's Eve, I spent the night at my church with my church family sharing music and worship and prayer and food. I was tired but it was worth it to bring in the New Year in the Lord's house.

We are now $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way through our school year. I have grown to really love my 16 kids, and have learned so much from them. The second grade teacher was trying to teach about plants in her Science class. She and I help each other a lot and share a lot of teaching time. She had never planted flowers before in her life, but thanks to my lovely mother who took the time long ago to teach me about plants and flowers, I could help her out. I helped her kids plant some flowers and plants in the courtyard of the school so they could learn about taking care of plants and watching them grow. I'm glad that I could help them with that. I know that God teaches us so many things in our life, and He doesn't waste any of it. He will use us to share what we have learned with others later on.



At church, I started going to a class every other Wednesday evening and learning more about the Bible. The class lasts several months, and when I am done I will be able to be a "servidora" (a servant or volunteer) in the church and be able to help with different things. I am looking forward to that. A few weeks ago, I had the opportunity of going to minister to another sister church in the town of El Progreso. The name of my church is Iglesia Ebenezer Monte Sion (Church of Ebenezer Mount Zion). Occasionally, some of the churches get the opportunity to go minister and be a blessing to another group of God's children. We took 3 vans and a few cars to get up there and stopped for lunch along the way. We held a worship service all together with their group and ours. It was such a fun day and a blessing to everyone.





There is a group of young people from church who always walk home together because we all live in the same direction. One day, one of the girls had a bike along and I got the experience of riding on the back of a bike. The roads are dirt of course, with lots of stones and holes. It sure is a bumpy ride on the back of a bike, but fun at the same time.



My school (Jaguars Bilingual School) had a mini Olympics where all the kids were competing in games. Each teacher had to make a flag for their grade. I can't draw to save my life but as usual, God helped me make it and it turned out pretty good. I am always grateful for His help because there are so many things I can't do by myself, and He always comes through for me. After all the kids ran their races, they called any of the adults who wanted to run. Of course I had to join in that, and I won the race. I miss running so much, and even though my body doesn't always cooperate, I do enjoy it when I get the chance.

Because Eternity matters,

Amy Friedlund

Prayer requests:

Please pray for Valerye, Jamir, Enoc and Jafet. They can't keep up with everyone else in their work and are always frustrated and struggling. Pray that I will know how to help them.

Please pray for Rolando and Jafet. They are always fighting and bothering each other in class even though I separate them. Both of them have a difficult life at home and then it comes out in school.

Please pray for me, that I can teach my kids with all my heart and at the end of the day feel like I did a good job. I am exhausted every day, but I love teaching them.