

Hebrews 13:8 “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.”

Dear Family and Friends,

In this time of uncertainty here in Honduras, we all have clung to this verse. Our God is the same as He was before the elections, in midst of the protests and road blocks and will be the same when we come out the other side. For those who have not received news from Honduras, presidential elections took place on Sunday, November 26th. Normally by midnight a winner is announced. As the hours rolled by it quickly became clear that this was not going to be a normal election. Now we are on day 9 with all roads to and from the capital closed, runs on fuel, protests in the streets and rumors of food shortages.

Thankfully our town has been peaceful, but veiled in an overwhelming sense of uncertainty. We have both of our cars filled with fuel and the generators at home and the clinic are full in case of black outs. We have food and water and for the time being the supermarkets seem to be receiving shipments. Curfew is nationwide from 6pm to 6am. Medical personnel, military and police are allowed on the streets, but must carry identification at all times.

The curfews and road closers have made it difficult for some of our patients to reach us. Just this morning there was a little baby who needed an echocardiogram to determine what was happening with his heart, but they were unable to pass the road blockades. Roads in and out of Catacamas were open today and patients were able to come from closer towns.

We are excited to report that our Xray machine is now installed and ready to go. All we need to start taking xrays is a light bulb which can only be found in Tegucigalpa. Unfortunately, that will not happen until the roads are opened. Pray for a quick resolution to thus crisis.

At the end of October, I had planned to return to the U.S. for a week to see my aunt who has been in a nursing facility with Alzheimer’s for over a year. She passed away before I was able to arrive, but I was blessed to be a part of her service and be with family as we said goodbye. It was hard to leave the kids and Juan, but a needed time with my mom and family.

I returned to Honduras to be blessed again by the amazing team from Women of Purpose who gift us a retreat each year. I only went for one night as I had returned from the States, but in that one night, my heart was filled to overflowing as we worshiped together and remembered why we are all here.

In October, we had the privilege to welcome a new friend, Dr. Andrew Hoyer, to our clinic. He is a pediatric cardiologist from Portland, OR. He was able to help me see over 60 of my patients with congenital heart disease and improve my echocardiogram skills. We are grateful for his willingness to come and work with us.

We were blessed by a visit from Bill Dunham in November, thankfully before the elections. As always he was an encouragement to our staff and us as a family. We are so grateful for the MarketPlace Ministry staff that makes possible what we do here every day.

During Bill's visit, I learned that due to changes in the education laws in Honduras, I was forced to register Tom in Kindergarten 4 despite the fact that he will not be 4 until December 20th. In retrospect the Lord gave us wisdom in choosing to transfer Tom to Abigail's school which is located just 5 blocks from the clinic. With all that is happening, we are able to safely take the kids to school, knowing that if necessary they can both be picked up in a moment's notice. Please pray for Tom as this is a tough transition, a new teacher, new friends, new school and starting out two months behind. We are thankful for his teacher, Ms Fonseca, who also taught Abby.

We are thankful that Andres came through open heart surgery and is home doing well. They arrived to Honduras one day before the curfew started.

We are also thankful for the four patients who were evaluated in Guatemala by a visiting neurology team who did their initial surgeries last year. Everyone is doing well and will not need surgery this year.

We covet your prayers with all that is happening in Honduras. We normally spend the first week of December and Christmas Eve with family in Nicaragua. We have already canceled this week's trip and we are praying that roads are open for Christmas Eve. I am also praying that the kids Christmas gifts which are in route in the mail will be delivered. We adults can roll with the changes but it is a little harder at 4 and 6. Thank you for all your prayers and support. God is the same yesterday, today and forever, and we trust Him with our lives. May God bless you and your families this Christmas season. Words are not enough to express how much we love and miss you all.

In His Hands,
Sheree Lynch, MD

Prayer Needs:

1. Peace in Honduras
2. Safety for family, friends and patients
3. Financial needs

Praises:

1. New Xray Installed
2. Andre's Healing
3. Good support staff

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