

Dear friends,

We pray this note finds you well and firmly in the arms of our Lord and Savior Jesus. We wanted to give you a brief update on what's been happening since we left Honduras two months ago.

We're not sure why this transition back to the states has been so difficult. We miss Honduras, it's incredible people and the work we were doing there. It's curious to note what issues bother us now that we didn't notice before such as cold air conditioning everywhere we go and how many choices of cereal do we really need. Also, the food thrown away on a popular cooking show that could feed the entire island of Roatan for a day and why the TV news programs rarely have international news. We know there are important things going on outside the USA.

Still we press on with the roles and privilege the Lord has given us at this time in our lives, that of serving our parents in their late 80's and early 90's. There have been plenty of ups and downs. Cathy's mom's knee replacement went well, her physical therapy was top notch and she rarely uses her cane now. However, since we've been living with her (our friends moved out of our house last week) we realize she is having a troubling amount of short term memory loss. Both Cathy and her sister agree that mom should no longer live by herself so we are with her when her sister cannot be. Mom doesn't agree with this analysis and insists she can live by herself but she hasn't put up a fuss about one of us being here with her at night. Since Cathy's sister hasn't retired yet and still lives 90 miles away in Tampa, returning to Roatan at this time is out of the question. Ken's dad is doing as well as can be expected after a terrible fall last summer. He's fairly fragile but maintains his wit and sense of humor. Ken enjoys taking him to doctor's appointments and out to eat.

We have served the poorest of the poor in the Far East, Africa, Central and South America for years yet this ministry to our aging parents seems more difficult in many ways! Not sure we understand why this is but we are confident this is our calling now and we're honored to have the opportunity to do it.

For you cat lovers, Wiley has adjusted far easier than we have which might be because he doesn't go to the grocery store nor watch TV :-). The strange problem with his neck is healed and almost 100% of his fur has grown back. The vet here feels he was bitten by something in Roatan. The squirrels and birds are a more manageable size here but he does miss chasing and eating lizards on the island!

Please continue to pray for patience and wisdom in our new roles. We know many of you are in similar situations. We'd love to hear your experiences and receive any advice you might share. Our church family is such a joy and getting back into small groups has been a blessing. We are trying to just take one day at a time and not dwell on "what comes next." This has never been our strong suit. Trusting the Lord remains our daily prayer.

We love you and thank you for your continued support and encouragement. Though we are no longer in need of your financial support, your prayers are always welcome. We'll keep you posted on any ministry changes that come along. Keep up the good fight of faith and let us know how we can pray for you.

Ken & Cathy