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News from Jeremy and Esther

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Missionaries in Honduras

Dear Friends and Faithful Supporters,

Merry Christmas! As 2022 draws to a close, we wanted to take a moment to say thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Thank you for your prayers, financial support, and the many little ways you have encouraged us. We could not minister without you!

The past two months have included much language study and travel. In October we were privileged to visit a youth retreat in San Pedro Sula. These young people are very near to our hearts from Jeremy's previous trips to Honduras, and we enjoyed reconnecting with them. The camp afforded many new cultural experiences, such as eating large amounts of beans and tortillas, laughing with teens as they practiced their English and we our Spanish, and hearing how the Honduran pastors effectively relate sermons to the teens' lives. In one of the services we were privileged to share with the teens how to continue growing in their spiritual walk with Christ amidst the temptations of this world. Not surprisingly, we have found the same temptations which affect teens in the US are present here in Honduras as well. A week or so after the youth camp finished, one young man began contacting Jeremy to talk more deeply and to ask for prayer for his own spiritual life. Please help us pray for this young man and the teens of Honduras who have a desire to serve God but also experience many additional pressures in life!



Some friends at the youth retreat

In November we were able to spend a couple weeks in Tegucigalpa, the city we will move to after language school. A highlight of that trip was the marriage counseling meetings with a young couple from Las Uvas, the church we will soon be pastoring. It was an honor to visit their sweet home and listen as Pastor Eric led the sessions. By the light of a single candle we were once again reminded that Biblical principles for marriage and family are good and that God can truly change hearts and lives. It was exciting to hear the mother allude to the fact that while the father used to leave the family to party and drink, he is now faithful to her and providing for his family. They discussed their desire to build a Godly home for their children and give them something different than their parents had growing up. Help us pray for this young family that God would continue to work in their lives.

PRAYER NEEDS **Thank you for praying for us!**

We cannot be effective in our ministry without a team of people regularly taking us to the Father. As the Lord lays it on your heart, please pray for the following needs:

- Hearts and lives would be changed through the books distributed in Mexico City.
- Our residency paperwork process would go smoothly and quickly.
- Continued witnessing opportunities in our town of Copan Ruinas.
- A deepening love of God in the hearts of our young people in our upcoming youth camp in January.
- Our continued language learning through the next few months.



Soccer game at the youth retreat



Outdoor services at the youth retreat



We prepared lunch for a local indigenous school.



The students loved the pasta!



Gingerbread house competition with the youth



The kids even got in on the fun!



The first place winner—Cesia

We could not end without praising God for His provision and direction throughout these last four months. He has provided for our financial needs and guided us through many transitions and new experiences. Serving Jesus is never boring, and we are grateful for our bountiful life in Him! We pray each of you have a blessed and merry Christmas season this year!

With blessings,

Jeremy and Esther Hopkins

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