



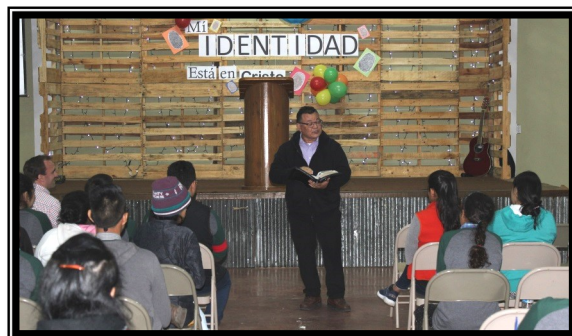
The Spiritual Garden

The first weekend of May was our annual ladies' retreat. Hannah works extremely hard to organize and execute this event and did a wonderful job. This year's theme was "The Spiritual Garden," and we were honored to have Rosa Hernández de Solís come from Guatemala to be our special speaker. Ladies from different church groups attended, coming from places like Copan, San Pedro Sula, Las Delicias, and many of our own ladies from Tegucigalpa. They set a record attendance with thirty-nine.

God used Sister Rosa as she challenged the ladies to take good care of their spiritual gardens, cultivating godly character, obedience and growth. The worship services were marked with God's presence as some prayed for healing, others prayed for family issues and burdens, and others drew closer to God. One evening one moment was very special around the campfire as one of the ladies shared her testimony of growing up in an abusive home and God helping her find peace and wholeness in surrender to Christ. The Holy Spirit spoke to many hearts that night, and several of the ladies were able to surrender hurt and pain in their lives to God. The weekend was a time of drawing closer to God and closer to each other. They were sad to go but were excited to invite more ladies next year. This has been a fruitful ministry, and we have seen new people serving God and attending our church as a result. Praise the Lord for how He is using this retreat!

Identity in Christ

This year's youth retreat was one of the best! We hit a record of eighty-seven people at camp! Our theme was "My Identity is in Christ," and our special speaker was Luis Miranda. What a powerful time as God spoke to our young people about finding their identity and value not in the things of this world but in an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ. Many sought God around the altar and got spiritual help and victory. The Lord used Brother Miranda's preaching to really minister to the young people. As usual it was a jammed-packed weekend with a soccer tournament, Bible baseball, scavenger hunt, Bible skits, a bonfire, and just a lot of fun and activities. Youth attended from different parts of Honduras, the US, and as far away as Nicaragua. Not only was it a spiritually enriching time for our young people, but they were able to meet other Christian youth and make new friendships. Much time and effort goes into planning this retreat, but the load was lifted with an awesome team of helpers, such as the Hopkins, the Walters, and our church leaders all coming together to make it happen. We hope to see this retreat continue to grow and impact young people from all across Honduras. They are the future of the church—it is crucial that we reach them with the gospel! Continue to pray for our youth.



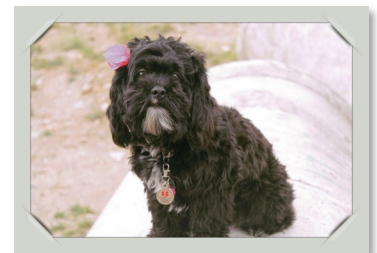
Conference in Guatemala



I (Eric) was privileged to attend and participate in a inter-denominational conference on holiness in Guatemala City. This annual conference has been the vision of Sidney Grant. He would like to see these types of conferences in many Latin American countries. It was a very blessed time. I was able to visit with all of our HIM pastors except one from Guatemala, as well as visit with Roger Ortiz, an HIM pastor in Miami. It also gave me opportunity to meet many other pastors from different organizations. The services were marked with God's presence. There was rich fellowship and challenging teaching and preaching. The pastors returned home with a renewed vision to preach biblical holiness to their congregations. This same conference will be happening in Honduras in February of next year. We are excited to see how God is going to use this in the years ahead.

Stop the Clock!

Where has the time gone? Joseph will be turning seventeen in June. In Honduras most highschoolers graduate in eleventh grade, so this is his senior year. He has been studying hard and is striving to be the valedictorian of his class! We are so proud of the fine young man he is becoming. This summer he will be going to Romania on a youth missions trip with Beavertown God's Missionary Church. He is excited to be able to serve the Lord in new capacities. Daniel turned twelve in April. He is doing a mix of regular school two days a week and homeschool the other three days. God is helping him grow and learn. He had a big answer to prayer a few months ago. He has wanted a dog for a very long time and made it a matter of prayer. Most every night when he would pray, he would ask God for his own dog. Well, a friend of Hannah's sister found a stray dog one day and took it home. When he heard Daniel wanted a dog, he gave him Bella. We think she is a cockapoo, and she is so sweet—the perfect answer to Daniel's prayers. Whenever we come home, Bella greets us at the door with jumps of joy! God has been so good to our family, and we love serving Him together.



Flash Points



Witnessing and handing out tracts in our community



Painting our Tiloarque church



Ladies' meeting in our home



A youth outing to the town of Comayagua



A team from our Tiloarque church handing out tamales at the city dump



Men's Sunday lunch during the ladies' retreat. Jeremy Hopkins cooked the meal.



Daniel enjoyed horseback riding in a colonial town.



Church ladies preparing tamales to hand out

Thank you for your **faithful prayers** and your **generous giving**.

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