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News from Jeremy and Esther

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Missionaries in Honduras

Dear Friends and Faithful Supporters:

Greetings once again from warm, sunny Honduras! We hope you are enjoying the ice and snow, but we must admit that is something from the States we do not miss very often.

We began 2024 with our annual youth camp. The theme was “Breaking the Cycle,” and Erick Vázquez preached how God can truly break the cycles of sin present in our lives and in our families. The testimonies we have heard, especially from some of our young men, about how God used the services as a turning point in their lives are so encouraging. The hold of sin in families is strong, but God is working in our teens’ hearts! While it is exciting to work with all ages, it is especially wonderful to see teens who want to make a difference in the kingdom and to have families that break the cycle of sin.



First day of school

Having Esther’s mother, sister, and niece visit us in January was an incredible blessing. We loved seeing their perspectives of cultural differences that have often become norms for us. It was also so fun to watch my niece become friends with a local pastor’s daughter and connect with the children in our church.

A highlight of the month of February was beginning our education program. For this year it will include two parts: transportation to the local school and an afterschool program two days a week. Some of the children are heading off to school for their first time, while others restart after only attending one or two years. Many who have attended in the past are very behind, and we look forward to helping them make up for lost time.

One child especially dear to our hearts is a young boy named Yeison (Jason). He has a heartbreaking past of abuse and neglect and is currently an orphan by all accounts. We took Yeison to our local thrift store to purchase shoes for school and home. After a little searching, he was so disappointed that we were not able to find any tennis shoes for him. However, in the last section he excitedly pulled out a little pair he recognized as being the perfect size for him. In his eagerness he accidentally dropped the shoes on the ground. A look I can only describe as pure delight crossed his face. “Ester, Ester! They have lights!” I firmly believe God placed a special pair of tennis shoes with lights in that store just for Yeison to let him know how loved he is. In all our years of ministry we have never met a child quite like him who is so visibly hungry for love. Please help us pray that Yeison would accept Jesus as his Savior. School is a big change for a little boy who has had few rules and restraints in his life and has used acting out as a means of getting attention. We are also looking for someone to sponsor Yeison for this upcoming school year. Just \$20 a month (\$180) would provide his transportation cost for the entire year.

A huge thank you to all of you who purchased items from our Amazon wish list as well as supplies for the children to begin their school year! We recognize that everything we do is because of your generous support. We have set up a specific account, and all donations to our education program (including for Yeison) can be specifically marked for “Las Uvas Education Program” and sent to HIM. We are excited about the many

## PRAYER NEEDS **Thank you for praying with 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:

- Our young people, that we would see many of them step into church leadership roles
- The children in our afterschool program and wisdom as we continue to assess their needs
- Our upcoming church revival in April
- Our residency process, that it would come quickly



December literature distribution trip to Mexico City



The children who participated in our Christmas program



A great group for Youth Camp



One of the team activities



Creating team flags



Yeison shopping for school



Our newly painted church



God helped our speaker, Erick Vázquez



Birthday celebration with our youth group

opportunities this after school program will allow. We would love to eventually have the support to provide some food, hygienic products, and other necessities these children often lack. Our faithful bus is very old, and we recognize we will need to buy a new one in the future.

We appreciate your faithful financial and prayer support more than we can say. A special thanks to those who gave to help remodel and repaint the church. Although a few items remain, the church already looks so much better with new colors of paint inside and out!

Thank you for supporting kingdom work in Honduras!

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