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# HOPKINS HAPPENINGS

News from Jeremy and Esther

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Missionaries in Honduras

Dear Friends and Faithful Supporters:

Dick Eastman said, "In no other way can the believer become as fully involved with God's work, especially the work of world evangelism, as in intercessory prayer." Any successes in ministry seen here in Honduras or anywhere in the world are 100 percent a result of prayer and nothing to do with us. We are so grateful for all of you who are joining our work here by praying on a regular basis. Your prayers are so appreciated!

Last week included a powerful answer to prayer as we prepared for an upcoming dental brigade at our church. The day before, while I was cleaning the church, I realized our water tank was empty. Even though it had been filled recently, a child had likely left the spigot on which emptied the entire tank. Now we were without water for the dental brigade with a team of ten or more people coming as well as all our church people. I quickly texted Jeremy about what we should do and contacted the church leader responsible for filling the tank. In previous months we have had to wait up to a week for the tank to be filled so I was expecting the worst. However right when I texted our church leader, the water truck pulled up to the business next door. Within five minutes our problem was solved. We had water again for the dental brigade! It is so wonderful to know God cares even about the inconveniences of life and can solve them before we even have time to worry!



Showing off their new smiles!

Thankfully the dental brigade was a huge success! We had previously invited our dentist to come to the after-school program to train the students in the importance and technique of brushing their teeth. While there, she of course fell in love with the kids. Afterwards she put together a team of dentists to work with the children as well as a local chef to teach our ladies how to prepare baked goods to sell on the street. The majority of the children had never visited a dentist before and desperately needed a cleaning and/or some teeth pulled. They were completely enthralled with watching the entire process from the Sunday school window. The mothers enjoyed learning how to make donuts and a delicious Latin American dessert called *chocoflan*.

These summer months have absolutely flown by with many weeks including church in some form six out of seven nights of the week. We had a quick trip back to the US in July in which Jeremy once again received a good report from the cancer doctor. While there, we also had the opportunity to lead the children's services at Camp Victory and enjoyed getting to know the children there and seeing their hearts for God.

Our discipleship classes with new converts are going very well. In a recent meeting they really opened up. They spent almost two hours expressing how God is leading in their lives. They shared about some of the struggles they have faced since becoming Christians. It was encouraging to see their growing love for the Lord. Please help us pray for these leaders as many of them are some of the few evangelical Christians in their extended family.

We are excited that as our relationships with the people grow, so do the depths of our conversations about spiritual matters. In a recent afterschool class the attendance was down with only twelve children. It was honestly a pleasant reprieve as I enjoyed working with them more individually. Because of the smaller group, they began to open up more and ask deeper questions about God and the Bible. One older boy in particular has been struggling with his attitude. The inner turmoil in his life is apparent as he chooses whether he is going to go, God's way or his own.

## 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:

- The health of a young man named Fabio. He has had severe physical issues and needs a touch from God.
- Our discipleship classes with new converts. We hope to baptize them in September and welcome them into the church as leaders.
- That God would raise up strong national leaders and strengthen current national leaders.
- Continued growth for our church in unity, spiritual depth, and number.
- Specific prayer that our residency would be finalized by our deputation in October.



A normal day in afterschool



A regular Sunday church service



Our Sunday School building becomes a dental office



Waiting in line for the dentist



Playing games and waiting their turn for the dentist



Youth trip at a nursing home



Ladies' "baking" Bible study



Youth scavenger hunt at the mall



Afterschool party at our home

He had a lot of questions about sin and if any sin can get into heaven. It was a sweet time of talking with them about their personal struggles and how even though they want to go to heaven, it can be difficult to stand strong against temptation.

Thank you for your constant prayers and financial support. We have been able to complete several projects and activities this summer thanks to specific donations. We look forward to beginning our deputation travels this October and hope to see many of you in the coming months!

With blessings,

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