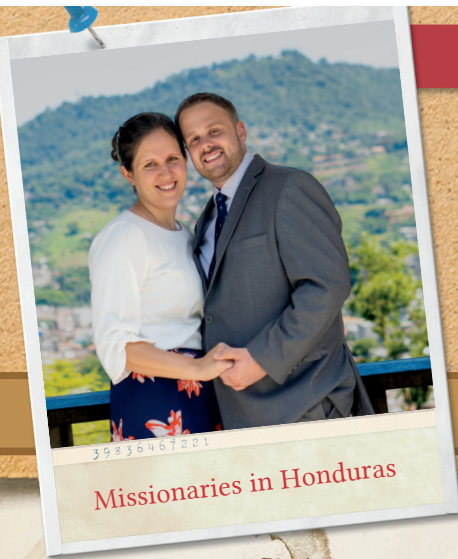


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HOPKINS HAPPENINGS

News from Jeremy and Esther

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Dear Friends and Faithful Supporters:

Greetings from the United States! We have just begun our six-month home assignment and find it hard to believe that our first term in Honduras is already over. We are excited about visiting many of your churches in the upcoming months and will try to keep you updated on Facebook as to where we will be. God has already helped in our first services and even given us the opportunity to share at God's Bible School's mission convention.

Our last week in Honduras was more difficult than we expected. While we knew it would be sad to leave our friends and church family, their sincere goodbyes made it even more difficult. However, in just the month that we have been gone, we have already heard great reports from our leaders about how God is helping them.

In August we had the privilege of attending the civil wedding of Jose and Diana, two new converts in our church. They began coming to our church the same time we took over as pastor and expressed a desire to follow Christ. Diana has since told us they had tried many different churches, such as the Jehovah's Witness, but never felt at peace. They came to our church when her brother invited them and felt there was truth in what was preached there.



Jose and Diana's Wedding Day

Just weeks after we met them, their eight-year-old daughter, Jimena, began experiencing health complications. She had suffered with a cyst in the back of her mouth since infancy, but that cyst had begun to grow, bleed, and cause problems. They visited dentists and doctors and began to hear scary words such as *cancer* mentioned. Diana shared that she was so upset she could not eat or sleep and began to be sick herself from the stress of her daughter's situation. We prayed often that God would touch Jimena. One day while she was sitting in Sunday School, she suddenly realized that the cyst was no longer there. God had completely healed her!

This miracle was a huge turning point for Jose and Diana. It has been such a joy to watch their faith blossom. They went through our twelve-week discipleship class and were baptized. They had expressed their desire to be serving leaders in the church, even though they were nervous. Diana said frequently that she wanted to help the church but was far too scared to ever think of preaching in a service. However, just a week before we left Honduras, she reached out to us and said she regretted saying she would not preach and wanted to do whatever God wanted her to do. She gave her first devotional three weeks ago, and we hear she did a wonderful job! She reaches out to us almost weekly and shares what God is teaching her and expresses how she is growing in her faith. Please pray for this young family that God would continue to work in their lives!

Another couple recently discipled and baptized is Eduardo and Olga. They are really excited about serving God but have also gone through several difficulties recently. Both they and their children were diagnosed with dengue and suffered badly with the sickness. Unfortunately, due to his sickness and needing time off, Eduardo lost his job. This is tragic for a family who already struggles to make ends meet. Yet amidst the struggle they have seen God work a miracle in their family. Olga had suffered with severe asthma since she was fifteen. Many times as she would get into our car or come into the church, we could hear her gasping for breath. For quite some time we prayed for a miracle for her asthma. She reached out to us just recently to let us know the asthma she had struggled with for years on a daily basis has been completely gone for an entire month! We are thanking God for this incredible answer to prayer in her life and ask for your continued prayers for this family.

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:

- That our church continues to thrive while we are gone
- The spiritual maturity of our leaders in the church
- That Eduardo would find a new job quickly
- The children as they wrap up their school year
- Safety as we travel to many churches in the upcoming months
- That we would connect with future missionaries on our deputation travels



Friends came to visit and help out!



After school



A great group for Children's Day



A reward trip to the Bible Society



Nine children earned their very own Bible!



Baptism Sunday



Using their Bibles in church



Discipleship and baptism candidates

God is still at work in Honduras! While we are away for six months to reconnect with supporters and share what God is doing in Honduras, our national leaders are guiding the church. They have already been doing an awesome job and are excited to minister for the Lord. As we complete our home assignment, we have reflected on the past and are now looking forward to the future. On our next term we plan to continue what we have been doing, further develop our afterschool program, and work to better train our Christian leaders. We appreciate your prayer and financial support during our first term of ministry in Honduras and your ongoing support for the future. May God richly bless you as you labor with us for the kingdom!

With blessings,

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