

Spring 2025

# HOPKINS Happenings



## Dear Friends and Faithful Supporters:

Having just finished a six-month deputation tour of churches, it was such a joy to finally come back to Honduras! The time away made it clear just how much this country has become home. It feels so good to be in our own house again and involved in ministry. It was exciting to reconnect with everyone, though there was also a bit of nervousness about how our leaders would be doing after six months apart. Frequent contact via WhatsApp helped, but it did not replace face-to-face connection. Right away, the difference was noticeable—not only in the new leaders who were baptized before the trip, but also in their children. One family in particular has three kids who were incredibly shy and nervous when we left. We often noticed the children struggling mentally and wondered if it was from a lack of nutrition.

How exciting it was to return and see a happy family faithfully serving in the church! Every Sunday the children greet us with smiles and hugs and are some of the first to give testimonies and prayer requests. On top of that they are now doing much better in school. It is exciting to see how serving Jesus makes a difference, not just in individuals but also in families and communities.

Our church welcomed us back so kindly with a special service. They informed us that we were not allowed to do anything our first Sunday back and prepared a surprise welcome-home celebration with one of our favorite Honduran meals! We are so proud of the leaders God has blessed our church with and ask that you help us pray for their continued spiritual growth.



One of the major goals of our deputation fundraising was to purchase a new bus—a tool that is already proving to be a tremendous blessing. This vehicle will help transport people to church and special events and provide a safe way for children to get to school. What surprised us most is the deep sense of connection this purchase has created between us and our church family. Over and over parents have expressed how much it means to them that the church is investing in their children's futures, and they are incredibly thankful for the generous donors in the States who made it all possible. Even the kids have hugged us tightly, excitedly telling us how happy they are to ride the new bus to school! Our prayer is that these children will continue to grow in their knowledge of the Lord and one day raise families that follow God as well.

We were thrilled to make it home in time for Women's Retreat here in Honduras. This is always a highlight of the year for us, and Jeremy even "attended" this year! The ladies were a little dubious about having a guy cook several meals for them, but after tasting, they all gave rave reviews! There is nothing like being gone to help give us renewed excitement for our retreats, children's ministries, after-school classes, youth ministry, and regular church services. We are praying the Lord will continue to lead our church into greater outreach in the community. At the same time we are continually aware that our ministry is of no value without the Holy Spirit's enabling.

## 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:

- At the end of May we will have a youth revival. The theme is on having an established life in Christ. Pray for our teens that they would choose at an early age to surrender themselves fully to God and experience the life of holiness!
- Pray for the continued growth of our national leaders.



Our new bus!



Tegucigalpa ladies at the Women's Retreat



We finally received our Honduran residencies!



Women's  
Retreat  
activities  
and  
preaching



Tuesday evening Bible study



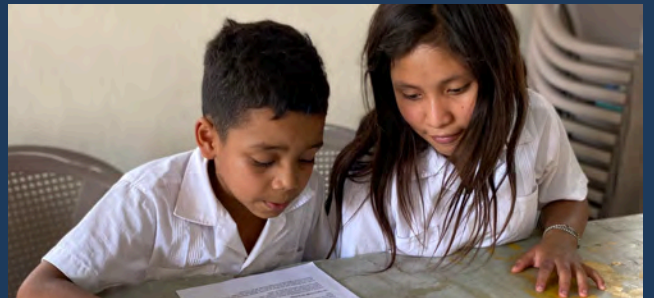
Children singing a special song for Mother's Day



Our first youth night back



Hard at work in afterschool



We are incredibly grateful to so many of you who opened your homes and churches to us for services. We realize we are blessed with an incredible community that continually encourages and supports us. Our services left us renewed and realizing just how many of you are praying for us on a regular basis! Thank you for your intentional and faithful prayers, financial support, and encouragement. We are so grateful to have a such a kind, loving family of supporters!

With blessings,

*Jeremy and Esther Hopkins*

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