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HOPKINS Happenings



Dear Friends and Faithful Supporters:

Recently a young family from our sister church mentioned they would love to come over and cook for us. Mari is an incredible cook, and she wanted to make us Chinese tacos and Japanese mochi completely from scratch. To say they were delicious would be an understatement!

In true Honduran style they arrived at 3:30 in the afternoon and stayed until 11:30 that night. After they left, we commented that it was the first long Spanish conversation and event we had experienced without feeling completely worn out by the end. While there are still days when our language goals feel far off, we are thankful for the help the Lord has given us in this area. It is encouraging to look forward to visiting with people without the constant fear of misunderstanding a conversation.

As our relationships continue to deepen, the last two months have been filled with church services, youth nights, meetings with church lay leaders, reading classes, and music lessons. We are especially thankful that four of our church members are now taking piano and violin lessons. We feel strongly that music is a wonderful way for young people to become involved in church and worship the Lord with their talents!



The guys cooking for women's retreat

One of the young ladies taking piano lessons is a teenager named Meylin. She is preparing to graduate and begin a good job. When we first arrived at the church, her father explained that she had been baptized in the past and would likely become a faithful part of the church. However, while she attended a few services, Meylin initially remained disinterested in spiritual things.

Over several months though, the Lord has done a beautiful work in her life. Meylin has rededicated her life to God and has faithfully attended services for many months now. Her testimonies in church have encouraged us greatly as we watch the Lord lead her through difficult circumstances. Moments like these remind us why faithful ministry is worth it!

For those of you who have followed our work since the beginning of our time in Honduras, you have probably noticed that retreats are a major emphasis in our church. We deeply value setting aside intentional time each year for people to step away from the busyness of life and focus on the Lord. After every retreat we see evidence of spiritual growth and renewed passion for God.

This year we were blessed to have Stephanie Martinez as the special speaker for our ladies' retreat. The first evening nearly ended in disaster. Heavy rain pounded the roof so loudly that no one could hear the preaching, despite Stephanie practically shouting to be heard. Soon afterward one of our pastor's wives suddenly began crying and saying she could not breathe. It was a frightening moment as we gathered to pray, knowing the nearest clinic was over an hour away in severe weather conditions. Thankfully, the Lord touched her body, and she was able to remain for the rest of the retreat.

Despite the pounding rain, oppressive heat, and several unexpected setbacks, this retreat became one of the deepest spiritually that we have witnessed. The ladies from our church were profoundly moved by the presence of God and challenged to become women firmly rooted in Christ and His Word.

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 most recent adoption papers would be delivered to Honduras in a timely manner and approved quickly.
- We are scheduled to move (same area of town) at the end of May. Pray all goes smoothly as we transition into our new home!
- Pray that God would continue to speak and help people to take the next step spiritually!
- Four young Christians are close to ending their discipleship classes and preparing to be baptized. Pray that they would continue to stay grounded in the faith.



Lots of mischief trying to scare their teacher with a bird!



Brayan and Maria finished their first grade reader!



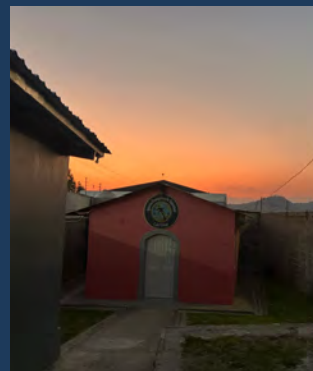
Evelin with her new violin



Game night with the youth



Las Uvas Ladies at Women's Retreat



Early morning prayer meetings at church



A beautiful crowd of women at Ladies' Retreat



Mother's Day celebration

Many of you have asked about our adoption process, and the answer is still: slowly. Each new document request from the Honduran government brings more delays, and we would greatly appreciate your prayers that we would be able to move on to the next step of the process!

Thank you for your faithful support, prayers, and encouragement. We are grateful for all the Lord is doing in Honduras and continue praying that His kingdom would come and His will would be done here on earth as it is in heaven.

With blessings,

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