

Fall 2026

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Happenings

Dear Friends and Faithful Supporters,

They say the best laid plans often go awry. If there is one thing we have learned on the mission field, it is that things do not always go according to plan. No matter how carefully we prepare, unexpected challenges have a way of changing things.

That was certainly the case with this year's men's retreat! After weeks of planning, the scheduled speaker had arrived, the food had been purchased, and the activities were ready. However, the day before the event we received news that political protests were increasing. Several of the main roads our attendees would need to travel on were going to be closed. How disappointing to think that all the planning might be for nothing!



Men's Retreat 2026

Thankfully, our attendees showed persistence. Several of them waited for hours at bus stations, hoping to find a way around the roadblocks. Despite all the challenges, most of the men arrived, and we had a good turnout for the retreat.

Titus Byer, Esther's brother, did an excellent job challenging the attendees to be men of courage in their homes and churches. Many of them particularly enjoyed the apologetics session which focused on the credibility of the Bible. We even received messages afterward with further questions and requests for book recommendations. How exciting to see a retreat spark a desire to continue learning long after the event is over!

That same desire to learn and grow also has encouraged us in our Tuesday evening services. Jeremy is using a series called *Firm Foundations* to walk our church through key events in the Bible, teaching both the historical context and how Scripture points toward Christ. It has been so fun to hear the questions that have resulted! Some of our church members realized they had incorrect interpretations of Scripture. Taking this time to study God's Word has helped them better understand the deeper meaning and symbolism of accounts they were already familiar with.

This past Tuesday evening was an especially sweet service. The congregation stayed for quite a while afterward, drinking coffee and enjoying fellowship together. We pray our congregation will continue to grow, not only in number but also in unity!

The music bug continues to "bite" many of our church members. It is exciting to see their instruction really begin to sink in. Some of our students do not even know their ABCs, so we have literally had to start at the very beginning with piano lessons. Just learning how to position their hands comfortably took a week or two! Now they are finding simple chords and finally seeing some reward for their hard work. We are so excited, not just for them personally but also for what this could mean for the future of worship in our church. It is a beautiful thing to watch our people come together and worship the Lord from their hearts!

One of the greatest blessings of serving here in Honduras is seeing the Lord work through the wonderful congregation He has given us. Over the past few months our church members have come together to organize two fundraisers: a used clothing sale and a soup sale. The latter was definitely a learning experience for us, as it was our first time helping prepare cow stomach soup! What an encouragement to see our congregation working together and taking an active part in supporting the ministry.

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:

- In December we will be traveling to Mexico City to distribute books with Gospel Publishing Missions. Help us pray for receptive hearts to receive the books.
- Our school year is coming to an end this month! Pray the children who have been coming to church as part of the program would desire to keep attending and deepen their relationship with God.
- Please continue to help us pray for our adoption. Everyone we have talked to here has the same story of waiting. Adoptions are simply not being prioritized right now. Pray that the government would take a special interest in our case!



Jeremy preaching a revival in San Pedro Sula



Youth night in our home



Diana doing a wonderful job teaching Sunday School



An Ohio church donated funds for keyboards for several teens taking piano lessons!



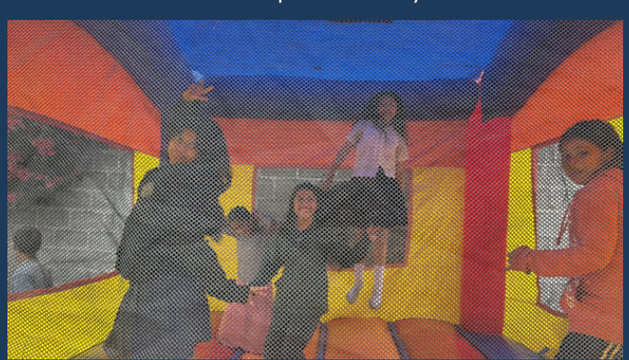
Men's Retreat continued even with a power outage.



Levi, Esther's nephew, taught the men how to make paracord keychains.



End of School Year Party!



The children especially enjoyed the bounce house.

As we look back on all the Lord has done, we are also reminded of how grateful we are for each of you who faithfully support us through your prayers and financial giving. Your partnership makes it possible for us to continue serving here in Honduras, and we do not take that for granted. Thank you for being a part of what God is doing here!

In Christ,

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