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Equipping God's People to Spread the Word

Year in Review...

Last March (2017), we prayerfully closed the chapter of ministry at the Bible Institute and Camp facility. Jeremiah 29:11 Ministries is purchasing it. They are thrilled to be living in a safer location that seems perfectly suited to their ministry to children and young people with extreme physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual needs. Forty-six children and youth from various backgrounds are cared for and receive Bible nurturing and teaching on this property.



In the **summer of 2017**, we ventured to the States for a four-month furlough. We shared with sixteen of our supporting churches in seven states. We were the visiting missionaries for a 3rd and 4th grade camp. It was a pleasure to share what God is doing in Honduras and to spark an interest in missions. We also visited several friends who have served as missionaries in Honduras and now live in the States. We listened as they shared their challenges in transition and what God is doing in their lives today. We were grateful to be able to see many of you over the summer!



Thank you to our treasured family, friends, and supporters!
We are so grateful that God has placed you in our lives!

In **September**, we held the annual Honduras Missionary Conference. Approximately 130 people came. They were filled up spiritually and enjoyed fellowship and networking with other missionaries. The children and youth were blessed to be with friends (new and old) and be challenged in the Word.



Also in **September**, Joy attended and helped with a Women's retreat. She helped with registration and served as a prayer partner. She was able to connect with and encourage the pastors' wives that were at the retreat.



In **December**, Mark and Katrina joined others from International Christian Fellowship to reach out to children in the public hospital. They shared God's love to those in the hospital and Katrina experienced the joy that comes in serving.



In **January**, Mark helped at the annual Christ in Youth camp. Ramon, our co-worker that Mark has been mentoring, joined him. Ramon had the opportunity to pray with individuals and help lead a group. Mark and Ramon were available at all times to run errands and fill in as needed.



In **February**, we attended a missionary conference held by Honduran Fellowship of Missionaries and Ministries. We helped host part of the team that was here to lead the children's portion of the conference. There were about 240 people in attendance. It was a very rich and edifying time with other missionaries.



Family Time...



Katrina began Kindergarten in **September**. She is a terrific homeschool student!

Bill and Margy visited in **October** to renew Bill's residency.



Katrina has been taking ballet. This picture is from her performance in **November**.



In **December** we took an unexpected trip to the States as the stress of the political crisis in Honduras was weighing heavily upon us. (The uncertainty of the outcome of the presidential elections had created turmoil throughout the nation resulting in protests, roadblocks, burning tires, and looting.) While it was not our plan to spend Christmas in the States, we were thankful for the time with family.



Joy's parents came to celebrate Caleb's 3rd Birthday which was **February 2nd**. Happy Birthday, Caleb!



In **February**, we had the great pleasure to go to Mexico. Mark had the privilege of marrying a long time friend from Honduras and his beautiful bride in a colonial town just an hour from where Mark grew up. This was Joy's first time to visit the place Mark was born and raised. It was an extraordinary time with

good friends from Honduras and old friends from Mexico, eating delicious food, and reminiscing about favorite places and childhood memories. We saw the place Mark was born, the house he spent his youth in, the park in which he played, the church they helped build and lead, and the sites of Querétaro. We were very saddened that Mark's parents were not able to join us for this trip as Margy suffered a stroke and is too weak to travel. We were thrilled to have a good friend come along and experience it alongside us.



Mentoring Ramon...



We first met Ramon about 14 years ago when he helped a construction worker build a shop and driveway at our house. We immediately noticed the joy of the Lord within him as he sang praises to God while working hard in the hot Honduras sun. Over the years, he has helped us with many manual labor tasks. He



was the guard and caretaker of the Bible Institute/ Camp Property for several years. While he joyfully gives his all to even the most humble of tasks, his heart as been to serve the Lord. He has dreamed of one day being a pastor. We have watched him and his family grow in Christ. We have developed a relationship of trust and friendship. Together, Mark and Ramon sense the Lord's urging to go deeper in training Ramon. They spend many hours together each week - studying God's word, delving into practical ministry topics, and responding to needs of others. Ramon is a hard worker, joyful servant, and faithful follower of Christ. We are prayerful about where God will lead Ramon and his family.



Ramon and his wife, Denia, have three children - Sarah (13), Elizabeth (4), and Brad Gabriel (4 months).

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We Praise God For:

- The sale of the Bible Institute/Camp Property. The facility will continue to be used to grow God's Kingdom through Jeremiah 29:11 Ministries and the work of Chuck and Joyce Harper.
- Ramon and his heart for ministry and the opportunity to mentor him.
- The conferences, retreats, and outreaches in which we have been privileged to take part and the fruit we have seen from them.
- The mentoring and partnering relationships God has given us with pastors, church leaders, and missionaries throughout Honduras

We Pray For:

- Continued guidance as we seek to be in God's will and serve Him in all things.
- The Pastors' Family Retreat in April. Please pray that the pastors and their families will be encouraged and will return to their ministries filled up and refreshed.
- Please pray for Mark as he mentors Ramon and seeks guidance for future ministry for Ramon and his family.
- Please pray for International Christian Fellowship (English-speaking church) to grow in Christ and reach out into the community.
- Mark's parents, Bill and Margy, as Margy recovers and regains strength since her recent strokes.