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LIGHTHOUSE MINISTRIES

Giving hope in the midst of the darkness around us

"I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness" John 8:12

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Dear family & friends,

Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord. Grace - what is grace? We have been singing "Amazing Grace" for generations, but do we really understand what that "Grace" is that we are singing about. "Grace" is when we receive something that we do not deserve, "Mercy" is when we do not receive what we deserve, and we receive this 'Mercy' and 'Grace' because of the 'Love' of God for us. Recently I had the opportunity to accompany a young sister to ask forgiveness from a family to whom she had caused a lot of pain while she was living a life of sin, and she gave her consent for me to share this for the glory of God. It was not easy to go to them, because there were deep hurts. She told them she was sorry for what she had done, and asked for their forgiveness. There was hesitation as they contemplated the situation. She was told that some of what she did was unforgivable and that she had done some really bad things. She replied by saying that she knows that, and she is not denying it. That she was the trash of the world and she does not deserve their forgiveness, but she wants to move ahead in life and is asking them if they would forgive her for all she did. They said that they realize that if we want to be forgiven we also need to forgive. She was finally told to "Go in peace, and sin no more." Sunday we sang the song "Amazing Grace" and she had tears streaming down her cheeks as we sang. After the message she gave testimony of that amazing grace she experienced in her life. Oh, that all of us could realize more fully how amazing that grace is. The song was written by one who also had lived a very vile life, and found peace at about the same age as this young sister.

This letter is being written from MS. There is a 50th anniversary school reunion planned for this weekend, and since we had not been back here to MS since my mother died almost 8 years ago, we decided to come. I came last Tue. and leave on Wed. after the reunion. Sarah flies up on Wed. and then goes to OH after the reunion here, to be with her family for another week.

We are glad to be able to share the good news that there is a couple from Iowa that, Lord willing, is planning to come help in the work in Honduras. Kevin and Brenda Fall, have felt the call of God to join us in the work here. They are presently members of the Old Order River Brethren, but grew up in non-Anabaptist churches, and had also been in the New Order Amish church for a number of years in their spiritual journey. They have a keen interest in evangelism, and have been involved in various mission endeavors throughout their lives. Plans are for her to be helping teach in our school, and he will be involved in the agricultural projects. He is presently working on a large organic farm, and has also spent years researching and studying tropical agriculture, so his interest and experience can be put to good use here. Both of them will also be involved in the work of the church and outreach efforts. Please pray for them as they make preparations to come in July or Aug.

We have been extremely blessed with the fellowship we have with our dear brethren in the church here, and yet at times we have felt almost overwhelmed with all the responsibilities that fall our way, and have longed and prayed for years for another mature Christian family to help in the work. So we look forward to being able to share the work with the Fall family.

As the work here grows there are also changes that come with it. As the only American family here and having the responsibility for the church and work here, we have been very glad for the help and input from brothers Bill Yoder and Eric Stutzman in the leadership of the Church. We are also very thankful for the way that God has provided materially for the work here through the many that have helped in this way. Sister Jody has also been a great blessing to the church here and the natives really appreciate her for her interest in their lives. We are also thankful for way God has supplied her needs through family, church and friends. I told brother Kevin and sister Brenda that I do not know what to tell them as far as support, because this is entering a new phase in the work here. I said that I would just have to tell them that if God wants them here, then He will also provide for them. He said they are ok with that, and they are praying that God would provide the means for them to come, and also to provide for their needs while here. We are thankful that they share this vision.

The school as it was when I left last week

We are glad for the way the Construction has been coming along, and are thankful for the favorable weather and funds that God has provided us. As of the first of May we had received right around $16,000 to be used in the new school/church construction, and the cost was around $16,500, of which $3,000 has been for local labor. Since labor is not a major cost, we decided to keep the mason going using the materials on hand. The boys also enjoy helping the masons whenever they have opportunity. We are praying for funds to purchase the rest of the bocks to keep the project going.

We would like to thank each one for your prayers & support in the work, David .

Prayer Requests:

- Pray that God would continue to provide for the school and construction needs
- Instruction class - (Roxana, Luz, Briana & Moisés)
- Our family.
- Visits in the communities.
- Wisdom & direction for the church & school.
- For Kevin & Brenda Fall as they make preparations to come help in the work here.

If you sense the Lord leading you to become personally involved in the work here, feel free to contact us, or if you would like to contribute to the work here, you may do so by sending a check to: **Deed & Truth Ministries, 7763 George Miller Rd, Russellville, OH 45168 (***Checks should made payable to Deed & Truth Ministries, and marked for the Honduras Project. If you want to give to a specific fund, there is a fund for 'school support' & for 'construction' .*

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