



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,

Sorry for the l-o-n-g silence. It is not that we have not had anything to write about, but rather too much. Some thoughts I had recently as a prepared for a message on "Being Found Faithful." 1 Cor. 4:1-2 says *"Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful."* Will we be "found faithful" as stewards of the "mysteries of God." What evidence will we have to present before the judge as proof of our faithfulness?

A lot has happened since my last letter the first of May, so I will just highlight a little of what has been happening. In May, Sarah and I both had the privilege of being in MS for the 50th anniversary reunion we had of the Darbun Church and school. We had a really good time in MS with family, friends, and in getting to meet many of our "youth group" from 40 - 50 years ago. Although we had a very good reunion and I also had a good time visiting friends in the community, I had many mixed feelings while there, realizing that MS is no longer "home." This was my first time to MS since my mother's funeral, almost 8 years ago. I feel like my years growing up in MS helped prepare me for the changes in moving to Honduras. Coming from BC, Canada in 1969, we faced many changes in culture, language & food. I think these changes were almost as great, or possibly even greater than the changes we faced coming to HN. After the reunion Sarah traveled to OH to spend time with her family.

Since we are back we have made numerous visits to the villages on back in the mountains from us. We had one very interesting visit at the home of a leader of the Catholic church there, who had invited us to visit some-time. We had a little service at his home and he told us that we may be in different churches, but he knows that he loves the Lord. This leader also asked us to visit one of his neighbors when we have an opportunity.

On another visit we tried to visit all the families in the one village, who have family members in a prison where we want to have a service next week. There are at least 7 men from this one village in prison, and we see these families suffering just like the ones that have had family members killed. We had a short service with each family and gave them a '101 Bible Story' book from CAM and a Bible. One family we visited has the father and a son in prison and their other son was killed, so it is the mother, daughter and grandchildren in the house. The wife of the son who was killed had died earlier in childbirth, leaving their children with the grandmother. These people struggle just to be able to survive. Pray for Maria and her family. Also pray for the service we have planned at the Prison next Wednesday, and bro. Chepino as he prepares for the message at the prison.



The following is being shared for those that would like to know a little more about the work here, and then also share about opportunities in which others can help. God has provided our need for vehicles as the need arose, using various persons to make these available. The house in which we are living, was built with donated money and/or materials by various people from Honduras and the US. The house does not really belong to us, but to the Church, and although we are blessed with being able to live in it, if we ever sell our property the value of the house is designated to go to the Church/Mission. When the property in front of us came up for sale, the Lord moved the owner to offer it to us at about 1/2 of his original price, and then the Lord also provided the funds to buy it for the Church. This 4 acre property is in the name of the Peña Blanca Church until such a time that the church here grows to the point of being able to be registered as a Church, and can then have the documentation in the local Church's name. Two years ago when we decided to start a Church School, it looked like an impossibil-

ity, humanly speaking, but God provided and we were able to build the Teacher's House on the church property. This is where we currently hold services on the main floor and have school in the basement. We praise God for the privilege of being able to work together in the education of our children. We have a tuition of approximately \$12 per month, per child, and we appreciate the sacrifice the parents have made to try and pay this amount, but the actual cost is closer to \$100 per month, per child.

So the work continues and we are glad to see it grow, but at the same time the expenses also grow, and we are thankful that God has always been faithful. Since separating from the Pilgrim Mission in 2004 we have had the goal of only asking help from God and we would like to continue like this, but I also want to be open with those who have been helping in the work here. Of ourselves we could not even be in HN, so we thank God and also those who He has used to make this work possible. We request your prayers that God would give us wisdom in being good stewards with what he entrusts to our care. Above all we ask that you pray for the work here. Of ourselves our work is vain, but God can do great things as we allow him to use us.

The construction has been at a stand-still for some time now, because of lack of funds. We want to thank all those that have helped to bring the construction to this point, and we are content to wait till God does provide rather than go in debt. To date we have had \$16,246 donated for the new construction, and expenses have been \$16,832.

We are looking forward to having Kevin and Brenda Fall join in the work the middle of August. They plan to live in the Teacher's House that we are now using for church services, and are trusting that God will provide for their needs while here. The house will give them shelter, but still lacks some partitions and finishing. They are content to move in without it being finished, but it would be nice to be able to get as much of the work done as we can, before they come. It will take an estimated \$5000 to finish this house.

Once they come we will need to have the services in our basement again until we can finish the first floor of the new Church/School. The estimated cost of finishing the first floor, ready to be used for Church & School is around \$20,000. This is with a poured concrete second floor which will serve as the roof for the first floor until such a time that we proceed with plans of having the church on the second floor.

May God receive all the glory for His work,

David Yoder

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. Service at the prison on Wednesday.
- 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 be 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'. If you want to help support the Fall family, checks may be sent to: Sunnyside Amish Mennonite Church, 1001 Honore Ave., Sarasota, FL 34234 Att: Kevin Fall Support (check memo: 'Kevin Fall support')

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