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Missionaries to the La Moskitia Region of Honduras

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Dear Praying Friends and Supporters;

We are back in Honduras! Praise the Lord our flight connections all went smooth, we were only an hour and a half late getting in, because a different plane on the runway in Honduras had a flat tire. So we flew around in circles till they got it cleared up for us to come in. Thank the Lord for a reserve tank of fuel. From there we went to La Ceiba and were able to get our visas renewed for this next year. They also informed us that this is the LAST year to do this annually. In the spring we will get to begin the process to gain immigrant status. This will make it so that our ID cards are good for up to ten years. That will free up our schedule so we can go into the city at "our" convenience, and not in their timing.



The folks here gave us a great welcome back. The kids and others met us down at the river's edge and helped carry things up to the house. I know it is because they love and missed us so much, and had nothing to do with getting some Smarties. But we'll take it anyway.

There were several things to be fixed or repaired as soon as we made it here. In fact, I helped carry the first load up, and started working on getting the big generator up and running. By the time I had that done,

they had already carried everything up from the boat. Then we set to cleaning. We had to payoff the (rat) families that had been living in the house, so we could move in. All except two left, and we held their funerals the next morning.

The only big surprise that we had in trying to get moved in, was that our refrigerator did not want to cool. It is a propane gas fridge, like in an RV camper. From what I can "google" it seems to have gotten a clog from sitting idle these three months. Unfortunately unless turning it upside down will clear out the clog, the fridge is "toast". I tried the upside down thing and sure enough, it didn't work. So the toaster is good, but the fridge is toast. We have gotten a small electric one to hold us over till we can get another gas one ordered in.

The work here has done well while we have been gone. Bro. Andy made up a schedule of preaching for the different preacher boys that are/were here helping him. Between them they have been keeping both our church and the mission church in Tikuabila going, plus visiting the shut-ins on Sunday afternoons. Our first Sunday back we were able to have a baptism. One fourteen year old young lady, had come to Bro. Andy a few weeks before, asking him if she could get saved. Generally our response is, "Are you a sinner?" Some how that tends to weed out those that the Holy Spirit did not bring in. She did say she was a sinner, and Bro. Andy had the opportunity to show her what the BIBLE says must happen for her to be saved. Her mother came, already having made a profession of salvation, but she had not been baptized. These two, plus an older lady, attended the new members class that Bro. Andy taught, so we were able to have two baptized, and the three of them join the church on our first Sunday back. Praise the Lord for continuing the work.

The first week of September I am hoping to head out visiting the churches that we work with, just trying to touch base with them and see how they are doing. I have been in contact with our man, Nichin, upriver. The canoe that we tried to refurbish, the wood overall was too far gone and similar to what the Bible teaches about new cloth on an old garment, the rend was made worse. So he is getting me prices for a "new" canoe made of Mahogany. I also have a new 15hp motor that was donated to give him.

We have two churches that are working on getting their building started, one pastor's house, one church wanting to put block around their building (up three feet), and a couple of wells to drill. Bible Institute will be in November with one student graduating, and we are thinking to actually try some sort of Christmas program. I am not sure if they have ever done, or seen anything like that. (it should be fun)

Lydia is working with Anchor Baptist Ministries in Pisgah Forest, North Carolina. She is being able to use her secretarial training helping there, as well as taking even more Bible classes at the Bible Institute there. We are excited how the Lord directed her to this work, and even more excited to see what all she will be able to do in the ministry there.

OH! And Aaron has started his Senior year of High School and only has 31 weeks of school left before he finishes.

Thank you for your prayers as we are getting back into the work here. We need God's continued provision and protection.

In His Service, Gene, Robin and Aaron