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La Moskitia

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Dear Praying Friends and Supporters;

I need to start by apologizing for two things. First, the lateness of this letter going out, and second, the length of this letter. Lord willing by the end of May first of June we will be able to stop for a couple weeks, be able to stay in one place and recuperate a little bit. To tell all that has gone on during these two months would take several pages, so I would like to summarize four particular things from March and April.

- 1. The river trip in March was a very difficult time. The water level was way down for that time of year, even with dry season, the river was at the level that it would normally be in late April. As a result the foot of our motor was hitting bottom and there were some areas where we had to get out and push the boat through. The well drilling did not go as well as we had hoped. The wells we dug will work great when the water level comes up some, but we were not able to get to the depth we wanted because of the amount of loose gravel we were trying to drill through, there on the rivers edge. I was just thinking that this trip was an utter failure in the labor part. However; we made two new contacts, areas for Bro. Nichin to hold services, plus we were able to carry over a hundred Bibles, New Testaments, Gospels of John, and tracts up to Nichin for distribution. In reality, the spiritual part of the trip went really good. I think that was supposed to be the main purpose in the trip, but it gets lost in the life struggles.
- <u>2</u>. For two weekends in March, and two in April, we were able to send out seven young men as an evangelistic team, going out to six different churches in five villages, preaching and handing out tracts and New Testaments. Jierri the youngest at thirteen, and Andy the oldest at 26 they would get to the village on Saturday afternoon and visit all of the houses in that area before having service that evening and then three services on Sunday. I had assigned a particular theam for each of them to preach, going from Sin and Hell to Salvation and Heaven. The preached the same message in each week and by the last week it was reported that they were good in their preaching. The meetings were an encouragement to the different churches, but more so to the young preachers, allowing them to feel the importance of their preaching. When you realize that the eternal state of a person could rest on what they hear from your message or lesson, it makes a great difference in how you prepare and pray.
- 3. The last weekend that the guys were out preaching, they were not able to come home till Monday afternoon. I needed to get some cement poured, so Robin wanted to help me get it done. In getting things ready up on the porch of the house, she tripped over some boards that were there and fell on the porch. The fall not only dislocated her shoulder, but also broke the bone just below the shoulder joint. We ofcourse did not know that it was broken, and thinking that it was only dislocated, were trying to do what we could to get it back in place. In the end, with the amount of pain she was in, and the inability to move her arm with out extream pain, we decided (as a last resort) that we neede to take her to the hospital in Puerto Lempira on Tuesday. The Doctor there misdiagnosed and said it was only partially dislocated, and attempted to put it backin place, but after sending the xrays to some friends and doctors, it was confirmed that the bone was broken as well. We had already determined that she needed to get to the US, but with that information I

determined that I needed to go with her. I am skipping a lot of the story and so many things that the Lord did to make the trip happen, if you want to read a longer story of it you can look up Robin's Blog post and read about it.

As we were leaving La Moskitia, we did not know where we were going to take her, but as we were traveling the Lord laid out the plan in perfect timing as we got to the next step of the trip. At the Doctor in the US, it was confirmed broken and that it had been dislocated, but (how in the world said the Docotor) the joint was back in position and the bone almost perfect allingment. Only the Lord could do that. Whats more, we just had her second appointment and xrays, and the doctor right now does not expect that there will be any need of surgery unless in therapy there is something not working right. Praise the Lord for provision and protection.

4. OK Last, the Revival Meeting: Robin's arn was broke on Monday. We went to Puerto Lempira on Tuesday. We were flying out to the city on Wednesday, and the Revival started on Thursday. As the plane came in to take us to the city, Bro. Fred Kindhart was coming in, on the same plane, to be with us in the revival meeting. We were able to speak to him for about fifteen minutes or so, and then we felw out and Aaron got him in the boat and took him over to the house. That night Aaron left at one o'clock in the morning to go pick up Nichin and others from the other end of the bay. As soon as he got back the next afternoon, Bro. Andy left to pick up twenty five folks from Auka. In addition folks came from Laka Tabila, Kuri, and Tumtumtatra. In all there were over sixty that came in from out of town for the meeting. With both Robin and myself gone, the work suddenly fell to Bro. Andy and the church members, to make things happen. We praise the Lord to see how they picked up and did what needed to be done, even at the last minute.

With the new young preachers, students, and graduates, this was the first time that I had trouble scheduling so that everyone had and opportunity to preach. What a wonderful problem! Each one took their part with Bro. Kindhart preaching each evening, and Bro. Rabsin Friday and Saturday Mornings.

After getting Robin with Bro. and Mrs. Wesly Hutchins about nine in the evening Thursday, I left again at four in the morning to go back home. (again, no time to tell how God just worked things out miraculously) When I finally arrived, and was walking up the path the House, Aaron was up preaching. What a wonderful blessing. The Lord really used him in these days to organized and oversee things while we were gone. I was able to Get there Saturday Mid-morning, and finished out the meeting. Praise the Lord for the good fellowship with the folks from the different villages, and for our people who stepped up and did the work that needed to be done.

More than anything I would like to thank you for your prayers during this time. As always, and even more so, we know that we could not make it without your prayers for us.

We will send out and extra letter, (Lord willing) the first of June, to update you and Robins condition, where we are at, and what we will be doing in these next two months, such as Lydias graduation in Oklahoma next week, weeks of camp, and a few church meetings that we have scheduled. All of this of course dependent on how Robin' Lord Willing we are looking to be back in Honduras the first part of August.