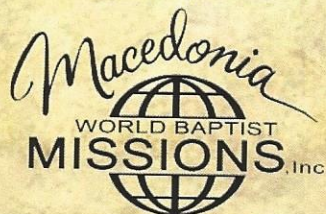


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Dear Praying Friends and Supporters;

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It is wonderful to be back together again. Robin and I have been apart more since last April than we have been the whole time we have been married. Working ministry, caring for family, doing what needs to be done. The Lord has been gracious to give us safety and allowed us to be a blessing to many different people during that time. But I say again, It is wonderful to be back together again.



In January, Robin was able to help her mother getting her new prosthetic and the first stage of learning to walk with it. By the end of the month she was able to be walking around in stores with the assistance of a walker. By the end of February she has progressed to being able to walk some with just a cane. We praise the Lord for her progress and that the chronic pain that she has had for the last several years is now gone.



Here in Honduras, the first week of the year we were able to drill a well here in Kaukira, in one of the communities where some of our church members live. There were over 30 people that turned out to help carrying water and digging the mud and sludge pits for the drilling process. I stop by every once in a while just to take a drink and see how the pump is doing. The folks are more than thrilled to have this clean water available as dry season is coming in.



The week after drilling the well, I started work on a pastorium for a new church in Puerto Lempira. I would go over on a taxi boat Monday morning and work all day Monday and Tuesday till late afternoon. Then either one of our men would bring our boat over to get me, or if there was still a taxi boat, I would ride it back to Kaukira so I could be in church and preach on Wednesday morning. After church, around 7:30 AM, I would again take a taxi boat back over to Puerto Lempira and work through Thursday late afternoon and return to preach on Friday. Friday and Saturday I was able to teach some discipleship classes and then, of course, preach on Sunday. It has been a very busy two months working and traveling back and forth.

I did take two weeks off during that time. One was to go to La Ceiba and meet Robin, who was coming in from the US. It was great to be together again, even though being in La Ceiba means shopping and getting things that we know we will need for the next few months. We were able to take one afternoon and just sit and relax together for a while. The other break was not as relaxing.



After getting back here with Robin, I went over to work on Monday and come back that evening. All day long I kept feeling worse and worse. By the time I made it I had fever and chills, and my joints were aching, and we knew that it was Dengue fever. So from that point on I was in



bed either covered up or with a fan on for three days, drinking an insane amount of water and taking Tylenol. That is about as good as it gets for dengue, then after three or four days of fever, your body takes another three or four to recover. So I missed almost a whole week of work during that time. I am very thankful for those who prayed for me, and thankful to be back to full strength again.

The materials for the house have been purchased with money from love offerings designated specifically for that. The house is 20x30 built up on 8 foot cement posts. The main reason for the posts is so thieves have a harder time reaching in, or getting in the window to steal things. Most of January was taken up with getting the posts poured and letting them cure. While they were curing, we also drilled a well there on the property. It is already the community gathering point for the kids bringing buckets and jugs to fill with clean water they can wash with, cook, or drink. And a lot of bathing goes on there as well.

After getting the posts done we worked the floor system, then some of the men from our church in Kaukura volunteered to come help raise the walls and roof. Later, others came to help hang the sheetrock that was used to separate the rooms. This will be a first for the family to have their sleeping quarters, kitchen, and bathroom all under the same roof. No more having to run get buckets of water, or wait till dark to find a place to do your business.

We installed a 12 volt pump in the bottom of the well, to pump water up to a tank on top of the house. The water will gravity feed to sinks, shower and commode. I gave them the battery system that came out of our house when we installed the new solar system.

For now the only big project that lacks for the house is finishing the septic tank. The pastor, Bro. Andy, is making of the tank. I would expect them to have that done the first full week of March. I love being able to be a blessing to people who have given their life for the work of the ministry.

I just got back last night (28th) from my last trip over for a while. I will begin teaching evening Bible classes here on Sunday evening, March 5th. Classes will go Sunday through Friday each evening for three weeks, till the 24th. We will be studying the General Epistles. There are five exams that they will be taking, and those that make a passing grade will receive a certificate for the course.

Robin is already getting back into the swing of things here, with some of the ladies already starting back with their discipleship classes. She also has one lady that has volunteered to help with Sunday school. So she will be training her for the next two months and then we will split the children's class and Robin will teach the older ones letting her teach the younger age. This is a very big step in the growth of the church. We have had men come in that wanted to preach, but not someone who wanted to help in the church. We are praying that this will stir the hearts of others to want to be a part of the functioning of the church.

Thank you for praying for us these last two months, as we were apart during January and also working apart some in February. Please pray for those who will attend the Bible classes. There will be some who are not saved. We are praying that the Lord will use the study of His Word to show them their immediate need of asking for His salvation.

In His Service
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