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Dear Praying Friends and Supporters;

Teaching Bible class is great fun. During the month of March I taught on the General Epistles. Not really teaching outline nor theme, but mostly just going through paragraph by paragraph and talking about what is written. There are as many (if not more) lost people that are coming to the classes as there are professing believers. Many have never read the Scriptures that we are teaching, and for sure have never studied the Bible in order to understand what it is saying. What I love the most is when a passage teaches the truth on a certain doctrine that they have grown up hearing something different. Now they see it written and understand what it is saying. Next, they will have to decide if they are going to believe what they see written in the Word of God, or if they are going to continue in the path that they have been taught all their life. Studying the Bible is dangerous. You get too much of it in your mind thinking on it, it will most definitely change who you are. These are all young people coming to these classes. Mid-twenties down to ten years old. And of course, the ten year old, he is second or third in the class with his grades. Imagine that!! Of the 9 different people who came to class some or all of the time, 4 of them completed the course with a better than 75% grade average. These 4 received a certificate for the completion of this course. Praise the Lord for the opportunity to plant the seed of the Word of God more firmly in the mind of both lost and saved folks.



Class time was from 7:00 to 9:00 pm Sunday – Friday. During the day time I stayed busy trying to level out our property. One part that in rainy season is normally under one or two feet of water and another that stays up above the water level. So I began dragging the dirt and sand from the high side over to the low side and leveling it all out above the regular water level. Now our whole back yard, 150 x 300 ft, is a huge sand box waiting for the June rains to get here so grass will grow. Despite the immediate aggravation of having a huge sand box as your back yard, when the rain comes and grass grows, we will be able to use all of this area all year long for activities, or later, if needed, for other buildings.

After class was finished, we began studying and preparing for the next one that began the third week of April. During this preparation time, Robin was tasked with the job of proofing the textbook for the next Institute session. Our man, Bro. Andy, translated Bro. Larry Sexton's course on Prophecy from Spanish to Miskito. This was his second time translating a textbook. He is like me with spelling, punctuation, and grammar. So Robin worked for over two weeks, 4 to 5 hours each day, trying to go through the book and find where a period, or comma should be. Looking to standardize the use of Biblical terms so as to say the same thing throughout the whole book. During her work, we realized that Miskito has not been "standardized" as a language. Even the whole Bible we use will translate "grace" in one way in one verse, and in another, use completely different words. One reason is that Miskito is a descriptive language. Grace is not one word, but a group of words that describe what grace is. Such as "having a happy heart", is three words together in the Miskito which mean "grace". The problem is, there are several words that can be



used to express happiness. Needless to say, by the end of the two weeks her brain was breakfast (fried or scrambled, I'm not sure which). And all this time you thought I was writing great, grammatical, punctuated, spelled-right prayer letters? No, she takes them and makes them say what I meant for them to say but couldn't figure out the right words. I ain't right without her. Wouldn't want to try.

When we have the opportunity to give things away to people in church, we rarely say anything about it ahead of time, so as to be able to give those things to people who are faithful to come to church. A lady in La Ceiba gave us a bunch of backpacks for school age children. Really nice with crayons, colored pencils, and paints inside. The Sunday after they came on the boat from La Ceiba, we asked all of the kids to come up front at the end of the service and gave one to each of them. They were super excited to get them. School had already been going for a week or so and they were in need of some things. So we were able to be a big blessing to them. The next Sunday, 45 minutes before church started, we already had over 50 kids here waiting for church!!!! I kept telling them that we did not have any more backpacks to give away, but more kept coming. We ended up having every pew and bench on the property in the building and outside full. The Lord had already directed my heart to a Salvation-centered message, so praise the Lord, they may not have gotten what they wanted, but they heard something that they really needed. ("Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee")

For Father's day(which in Honduras is in March) we gave all of the fathers a Bible and a Hymnal. They appreciate the Bible, but the Hymnal, now that is a high dollar gift. Unfortunately, there was something else going on that drew away even some of our own people. So we were only able to give out 8 or 9. Later, one of our men came wanting his Hymnal and Bible. I told him, sorry, but that was only for those that were in service. He did not like that, because he could have been here but did not come.

The 16th of April we started our next Bible classes studying I and II Corinthians and Galatians. Added to the evening classes we had our men come in for an Institute session during the day time. We have one student that is studying to graduate and the others that have already graduated come to review the class and for the fellowship. So we have 5 men here for the Institute classes and the rest come in with them at night for the Bible Class. Institute is for training Christian leaders. To be a part of the Institute they must give a testimony of salvation, be faithful in church attendance, and have a good Christian testimony. That is why we distinguish between Institute class and Bible Class. For Institute, Bro. Andy is teaching his translated course on Prophecy for the first two hours, and I am teaching personal evangelism from 10 to 12. Then again, I teach the class in the evening these three weeks. So we have five men in for Institute and then seven other people come in for the evening class. And Yes!! The ten year old is still ranking 3<sup>rd</sup>, even with the Institute men here.

The Gospel tent is on its way here!! If all goes well it should get here in about 5 weeks. As soon as it is here, we are planning to hold a Bible Revival at the church in Puerto Lempira. We anticipate this to be a huge blessing in the way we hold meetings and being able to try and focus the people's attention on the messages. Later in August we hope to have another meeting here in Kaukira, but held down in the central part of the village.

The meeting in Puerto Lempira is probably going to completely deplete our supply of Bibles that we have here. We are going to need to have another shipment sent out from the warehouse inland, where Bro. Leroy Rolston has been so great to keep them for us. It is going to cost about \$3,000.00. If you would like to help with that cost, it would be a blessing. Anything you send to Macedonia can be marked for "Shipping Bibles". We will need to get them on the way here by mid-June so as to have them here for the August meeting.

Thank you for your continued prayers for us and for the folks here in La Moskitia. We are asking the Lord for more souls to be saved as he gives us more and more opportunities to present the gospel in meetings, classes, and on a personal level as well.

In His Service  
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