

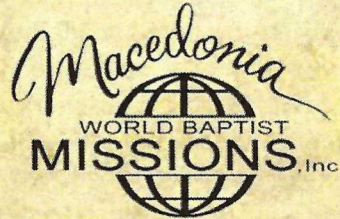


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Dear Praying Friends and Supporters;

I guess many people are the same in that we ask ourselves, "What did I do this summer?" (July-August) "I don't know, I would have to think about it." Once we get started going through the things that have gone on, events, and projects, when we finish, we say... "I think I need a nap". God has truly been good to us, giving safety, strength, and opportunities to share the Gospel with a lot of people.

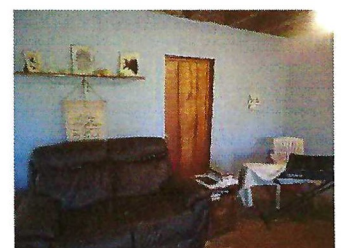
We started July with the new tent and our first tent revival. We were in a community just outside of Puerto Lempira. In the immediate area there are probably around 100 houses. Just across the creek begins the "urban" housing of Puerto Lempira with over 200 houses within a five minute walk. In the tent we set up 240 chairs (as many as we could fit). On two of the four nights there were around 10 or 15 chairs empty, but the other two nights every single chair was occupied with folks outside standing. We were able to give out 768 Bibles in this meeting. Preaching to them each night about salvation, the need for it, and how to be saved.

The middle of August we had another meeting, this time on our side of the bay here in Kaukira. We got permission to put the tent in the central area of town across from the school. This was our fourth "Bible Revival"; handing out tickets in the day and giving Bibles out in the evening service. I had anticipated that we would be full and running over, even more so than the other meetings, with as many houses near the meeting and in all of them someone that speaks Miskito. I even asked the police if they would come by just to keep an eye on things during the services. To my surprise, our max attendance was around 200. But we did have from 150 to 200 each night. We were able to give out 585 Bibles in the four nights with several folks coming back each night even though they did not have a ticket for another Bible. That was a surprise as well. After the first night there was good liberty to preach, and many were listening closely, even some agreeing with the message. Still, we did not have anyone come for salvation, but we were able to once again give a clear presentation of the Gospel each night.



The meeting ended on Sunday evening. The following Friday I got a message from Andy, our pastor in Puerto Lempira. He said that Friday morning after service one of the men, Webster Richards, came to him wanting to get saved. He is a regular attender and worker at the church there. He was there for their revival, and he came over here to help as night watchman in this meeting as well. These meetings along with the regular teaching and classes Bro. Andy is doing there in Lempira finally got through to him that he needed to be saved. Andy recorded and sent me his prayer of salvation. So wonderful to hear a newborn thanking the Lord for His great salvation! I think this is the first salvation that we have had in any of our mission churches. Praise the Lord!!!

Looking back in July, while I was in Puerto Lempira in the meeting, Robin flew to La Ceiba for a supply run. On Monday, the day before her scheduled return flight, a motorcycle came onto the runway in Lempira, as a small plane was coming in for landing. Somehow the man and woman did not see the plane coming in, ran in under the plane, hitting the side of the plane just behind the propeller and then going under the propeller, killing both of them. Because of the incident, the Honduran FAA closed the airport for a week. This left Robin stranded in La Ceiba for another week, and me at home "alone"!!!



The next Monday evening (before her Tuesday morning flight), they called and told us that the airport had been closed till October. OH NO!! She quickly got together with 2 other families that were stranded as well and found a small plane to carry them to a village on our side of the jungle that I could reach by boat. They set the flight for Wednesday. I was to go by Puerto Lempira and pick up a family headed to the US and take them to the village to meet the plane bringing the others in. This family going out and the families coming in required two flights. So I left the house at 3:00 AM, went across the bay to get the family in Puerto Lempira and we went to the village of Ahuas. By 3:30 PM both flights were in and all 13 of us were in the boat ready to head back. After a 5 hour boat trip, we dropped everyone off in Lempira and then Robin and I came across the bay, getting to the house around 11:00 PM. Wow, what a day, but the Lord protected us several times, giving us safety on the trip. (The airport has since reopened and is running as usual, despite our having cancelled 2 incoming trips due to the accident and the subsequent closure.)

The very next week we had a lady, one of our regular attenders, come to me after church wanting to get saved. She had come before wanting to be a member, then wanting to get saved, but she did not understand what it was she was asking about, she was just told that she had to be saved to be a member. This time when she came, she knew what it was she wanted and why she needed to be saved. She prayed and asked the Lord to save her. She is now taking classes 2 times each week to try and learn to read. Not having had any form of education her whole life makes it difficult for her to learn. After three weeks of classes she has three letters that she can recognize most of the time. A, B, and J. I am not sure why J has stuck in her mind, but she can pick it out of a lineup almost every time. Only 16 more to go, since Miskito doesn't use some of the letters we do.

Between the time Robin made it home and the next revival in August we were able to hang some sheetrock in our house. Seven walls that had never had sheetrock and then mudding and painting them and nine other walls that had sheetrock already. It took us two weeks to get it done, but we are grateful for the special offering given to be used for personal needs.

We have an older man in our church who has been saved for 2 years now. He is one of our most faithful members. He is in desperate need of a knee replacement. We have checked with the doctor in San Pedro, even sending them x-rays of his knee. They have given us a price for the surgery, and we can schedule it at any time around 3 weeks in advance. The cost will be around \$8,000.00 including transportation to the city. This, of course, does not account for any unforeseen problems that might come from the surgery. If the Lord puts it on your heart to help with this, it would be a great blessing to him and to our church. If you want to help you can send any gift to Macedonia and mark it for Medical expenses/Knee replacement. We are grateful for the \$1,375.00 that has already come in for this need.

We mentioned one time before that we will be coming to the US for a short trip the middle of September. Those plans were moved up due to Mom going to be with the Lord on Sept. 13. Please pray for Dad and the rest of the family. While we are in we will visit Robin's parents, each of our kids, and OF COURSE the grandbaby!!!

I will be returning to Honduras the first part of October and going up river, but from the other side of the country. Going in by bus as far as I can, and then paying passage on a canoe to get me to Pansana. When I leave there, Nichin and I hope to hike overland to a new road that comes out of Puerto Lempira. There are several cattle ranches where he has preached, and we are looking to carry Bibles to them and preach in as many as we can. It is only about 35 miles, (as the crow flies). Probably looking at two or three days, if not more, depending on how it goes preaching at the different places. In the end, we hope to call Bro. Andy to come from Puerto Lempira to come pick us up. A secondary purpose is to scout out the trail and see if it is passable by 4 wheeler or motorcycle. Or maybe what would be needed to make it passable. This would make our visits to Pansana much easier(I hope). If anyone would like to go with me on this trip, just let me know.

Thank you for your continued prayers for us as we travel this next month. Also pray for our church here and the men that will be filling in preaching for us while we are gone.

In His Service,
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