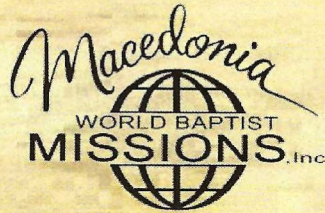


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Dear Praying Friends and Supporters;

How many grandkid pictures can you put in one prayer letter? (The world will never know)

We now have two grandkids, Samuel is growing up fast, learning to talk, running and playing. He even just had his very first haircut! Now he is looking like a sharp young man more than a "toddler".

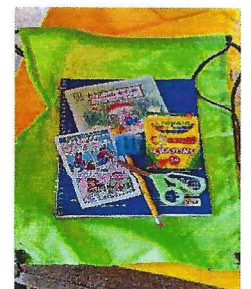
On Tuesday, February 27th, around 12:30 a.m., Levi and MaryLou gave us our second, Madison Elizabeth. She weighed 7 lbs. and was 20 inches long. We were so thankful to be able to be in the waiting room at the birthing center for this, along with their pastor and his wife, Bro. and Mrs. Barton. Labor lasted for a good while and we (I) were beginning to be a bit concerned. As we were trying to distract ourselves in conversation, we suddenly heard that tiny cry. I think the four of us just started crying with tears of joy, and even more so when we heard MaryLou and Levi rejoicing as well.

Mom, Dad, and "Maddie" are doing well, resting and getting into their new rhythm of life. Praise the Lord for His goodness and mercy!

As this week was Share-A-Thon for WGR radio, Anchor Baptist Church's radio station, where Lydia, Levi, MaryLou and Maddie are members, we have been able to stay around and visit as well as get some major recharging spiritually. Also thankful that we were able to have brought Dad up to be here for part of the week. He has also been blessed by the many folks that have come to him thanking him for the blessing he has been to them in the ministry over his many years serving the Lord. We are only in for these couple weeks to be able to be here for the baby and we will be headed back home on the 12th of February.

We started January off with a bang! The Lord had burdened our hearts for those here that cannot read. We were thinking of both the adults and the 10 to 12 year old kids that are not able to read the Bible. When a person cannot read the Bible for themselves, they have to rely on what they hear, and evaluate it based on how much they trust the person speaking. It makes evangelizing that much harder. So the Lord put on our hearts to hold reading classes. I came up with the idea and Robin made it happen. They had never heard of anything like what we were proposing to do. By the end of the three weeks we had several mothers bringing their kids to put them in the class, but of course they were too late to be able to do so. Each student had to register and take a placement exam to determine what level they were at to begin with. We started with 13 students and ended with 10 students finishing the class. We were able to teach a lot of Gospel and their reading text was always the Bible. So we were able to use it as an evangelistic tool as well.

The 5th of February I had the privilege to go to the village of Ahuasupia. (Little Piney) Bro. Humer had the burden to start a church there among his family and relatives. There are, maybe, 15 houses there close, and a large village called Tumtuntara just a 10 min walk from there. He has been holding services in the house that he has been working on. When I told him I wanted to come for a few days, they got together and built an arbor for holding services.



Going by myself with minimal cargo, it only took me an hour to get there. Mostly the fast time was due to a Longtail 35hp motor that was sent down for us, and I just recently was able to get it "dialed in" and going. I anticipate it to be a big blessing in the days to come.

At the meeting in Ahuaslupia we started services on Monday evening and then went Tuesday and Wednesday, having services morning, afternoon and evening each day. My theme in preaching was salvation. I was hoping to give them as clear and simple a presentation of the gospel message as possible. After that, refuting some of the false doctrines that they have been raised believing. The Lord helped with 30 and 40 in attendance at most of the services. We are praying that the seed sown will grow to fruition.

On Sunday the 11th of February we had Backpack Sunday. Our home church had bought right at 125 backpacks along with notebooks, crayons, pens, pencils, scissors, sharpeners and colored pencils to load them with. Each backpack also had a Miskito New Testament, a full color Miskito tract and a Spanish Jolley Tales booklet(a story on obedience written by a lady in our home church). We bought some paper armbands to put on the kids as they came in the gate that morning and numbered them 1-113 (we had given 10 out already to the reading class). I had announced that only the first 100 kids would receive a backpack, so by 7:30 that morning they began lining up outside the gate. Before 9:00 we had handed out all the arm bands and had to shut and padlock the gate. I took an hour, and we sang choruses, memorized a verse and then I preached to them about how much Jesus loves us and wants to save us from Hell. By the end when it was time to hand out the backpacks, there were more than 75 kids outside hanging on the gate, peeking through the fence over the 4' wall. There were ten or more boys up in a tree across the path so they could see in. Hate that we were not able to have everyone in and preach to them, but there were only so many bags. Once again, we pray the seed sown will grow.

As we are getting into the country on our way home, we will be stopping in the city and purchasing sheetrock, mud, paint, wiring, and other supplies needed to fix up the storefront building that we have rented. The Lord has put on our hearts to start a Spanish work in the central business area of our village. Over the last few years there have been 200 or so Spanish speaking people that have moved in to our area. In Kaukira there are not any churches that hold services in Spanish. So the Lord has burdened our heart to try and reach out to them first, before others come in with their false doctrines. We were able last week to go and get Spanish Bibles, New Testaments, and John & Romans that we will be shipping down this week, Lord willing. The money has already been given for the Bibles and we are praying for the shipping cost to be covered as well. The work on the church building is going to cost more than \$4,000.00. Of that, \$1,500 has already been given and we by faith are going to begin construction as soon as we get home. We have a group coming down in May and have a target date for our first service as Sunday night May 12th. We are looking at starting with Sunday evening services and then doing more as the Lord gives the increase.

Thank you again for your prayers for us as we have been traveling, for Levi, MaryLou and Maddie, and for the work there in Honduras.

In His Service,

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