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Dear praying friends and supporters.

Thankfully, we are not dependent on "old wives tales" to supply our needs and sustain us for the year. (On January 1st I did not get to eat any black-eyed peas, Oh my!!!) I am not sure if I got any last year or not either, but the Lord sure has taken good care of us. With every unexpected expense, has come a special offering. Some of them designated for the expense, others unexpected. We thank the Lord for His protection, health, and provision.



Robin had gone in to the US to be with our daughter, Kayla, for the birth of their second son, Silas. He delayed his coming till the last week of October. While waiting, Robin was able to work with Lydia, Levi and Mary Lou at Anchor Baptist Church in Pisgah Forest, NC, helping them during the disaster relief efforts from hurricane Helene. She was able to work in the distribution part for several days, then when the head cook was called away in other responsibilities, Robin was able to step in and help with cooking for the general public and relief workers. She was extremely

blessed to be able to be a small help to the church and people in the area. But then it was time to get to the grandbaby!!! I know we have already sent a picture, but who can resist another baby picture? We thank the Lord that baby Silas and family are all doing well.



My trip in November also included a storm. Its name was Sara. Because it was just a tropical storm, it mostly just caused us a delay. On Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> along with 5 people from our church, the four-wheeler, Jeep, and 2 trailers, I boarded the boat to take us over to the landing in Puerto Lempira. The "three-hour tour" turned into an all nighter, but we finally got to land and on the road to Auka around 9:00 am. At that time there were 8 of us all together. There were several delays due to the Jeep motor dying, and a tire getting punctured in the side by a root. In the end we made it to Auka



immediately and go back to Puerto Lempira to meet Bro. Nathan Saunders and a group of young men he was bringing in for the meeting. Due to the Jeep motor failing again, we spent all night trying to get back, finally I had to leave Bro. Andy with the Jeep and go to meet the group at the airport. That afternoon and evening we were trying to get the Jeep going but to no avail, so we had to have it pulled back to town. Our plan was to

buy groceries and head out the next morning with the four-wheeler and trailer.... But then Sara came to town!! During the night and all day heavy rains, we were not sure we would be able to go to Auka because of the river crossings. Finally on Friday morning the Lord gave us a break in the weather, and we headed out. Thankfully, we only had one crossing that we had to unload and carry everything over on our shoulders, then float the four-wheeler then the trailer across. The bridges were not in great shape, but Bro. Nathan and the guys were putting planks down across the broken areas.

around midnight. Bro. Andy and I had to turn around





We only broke through one time. By 4:30 or so we made it to Auka and were able to hold services Saturday evening, Sunday morning and evening, and Monday morning and evening. In the end, we were able to hand out over 700 Bibles in the services, and we left around 60 Bibles with our two churches there. That means we were able to preach to over 800 people during this meeting. Praise the Lord for the opportunity to share the Gospel.

Getting back home with the group, we were able to be in services in both the Miskito church and the Spanish church here, with three of the guys playing a concert out in front of the Spanish church on Sunday evening.

I was able to accompany Bro. Saunders and the guys back to La Ceiba. There Robin met us, coming in from the US, and she and I were able to spend the week of Thanksgiving and also our anniversary resting there together.

I had hoped to be able to make another attempt to go up river in December, but with repairs and cost of the Auka trip I was not able to do that. Lord willing, I am looking to do that in February.

Getting home we were getting things ready for our Christmas Revival here at our church, on December 26-29. We were able to hand out 800 tickets for this meeting, covering 3 different areas around our church. In the end, we gave out over 450 Bibles and have quite a few that have asked if they can bring their ticket to a church service and claim their Bible. It is all in an effort to be able to give out the Gospel. Whether by word of mouth, tract, Bible portion, New Testament, whole Bible, and just plain preachin'. The goal is for folks to hear a clear presentation from the Bible of how they can be sure to go to Heaven.

We are now preparing for Bible Institute that will start and go from January 6-25. I will be teaching 2 subjects this session, Bible Study Methods and Prayer. Bro. Andy will be teaching the Strategy of Satan. These classes are for three weeks, two classes in the morning and one in the evening. The class in the evening is open to anyone who wants to come. We are hoping several will take advantage of the opportunity to study the Bible. Some who have said that they will come are not saved. We are praying that the Lord will use this time to work in their hearts.

Lord willing, once the Institute ends on the 25<sup>th</sup>, I will be headed across the bay on Monday the 27th to drill a well in the village of Rus Rus. There are American missionaries there that have airplanes that transport people with medical emergencies. There in their compound they do not have a well. So with the recently donated motor on our well drilling rig, we are hoping to be able to go down 100 feet so they can get plenty of good water.

We thank the Lord for so many opportunities to share the Gospel. We have been sowing seed "like crazy"! While it is great to see some growth in some of our members, we still long to see more folks give their heart to the Lord. Please pray with us that in this year we may be able to see the seed that has been sown, take root and bring forth fruit.

Thank you for your prayers and support. The financial support helps to feed and supply the missionary, but it is the prayer support that keeps them going. Thank You!

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