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Dear Praying Friends and Supporters;

We came flying out of the gate, (of the new year) going at it from the first week. The first thing that we had this year was Bible Institute. The men came in on Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> and we began classes Monday morning. I taught Methods for Bible Interpretation in the 8-10 class time. Trying to help show how we can look at Scriptures in several different ways to be able to understand what it is trying to teach us. Pastor Andy Morales taught the book, "The Strategy of Satan" in the 10-12 class time. This course reminds us of 2 Cor. 2:11 that says "...we are not ignorant of his devices." Satan is the enemy, and we need to be sure to know many of the different ways he tries to disrupt, delay, and defeat the work of the Lord. In the evening class I taught the book by Andrew Murray "With Christ in the School of Prayer". This is the second time that I have taught this course. I am so thankful for how the Lord worked in my own heart in the reading and studying of this book. The 4 men were here for three weeks, taking classes Monday – Saturday. They also helped us in preaching in the 3 churches that we have here in this area. It is always a wonderful time of fellowship when the men are here together.



On Monday after the Institute, I left out to drill two different wells in the village of RusRus. Missionary Air Group has a base of operations there where they fly medical crews, patients, and supplies into needy areas and places where they will be doing medical clinics. The well they had on the property was not very deep and would go dry in the early part of dry season, causing them to have to haul water in for their houses and buildings. We were able to get both wells down to over 70 feet. One well we drilled through rock, and then about 15 feet of sand before hitting solid rock. The other well went through rock as well but then we hit gravel. As you can't maintain a hole in gravel we stopped at that depth. On the last day our 30-year-old water pump threw a rod through the block. As we were praying trying to figure out what to do, one of the helpers

said, "I have a new pump like that at my house!" The Lord provided. He had bought the pump the year before but did not know how to run it, so it had just been sitting there. He allowed us to use it to finish the second well. Praise the Lord. We will need to get another pump before we can do more wells, but praise the Lord for having already arranged a backup for us ahead of time.

On Sunday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>, we had the privilege to have Backpack Sunday. The school year here goes from February through November. So for three years now we have handed out backpacks to the school age kids. Each backpack had a notebook, pencils, sharpener, erasers, crayons, scissors, tracts, Gospel coloring book, and Jolley Tales booklet. We announced that we would put armbands on as they came in the gate, and that only 200 would be allowed to come in. As some of our local kids missed out last year, at 5:40 they were already lining up outside the gate.



From 5:50 to before 7:00 I stood at the gate putting armbands on. Before 7:00 we already had over 200 inside the gate. We had singing, Scripture memory verse, and a Bible lesson before giving out the back packs. Each bracelet was numbered, so we called out from 1 to 200, each one on their way out the gate receiving their backpack. Outside there were over 75 more that were not allowed to come in. So we went through giving each of those a Chick tract about salvation.

The very next morning I pulled out for a second attempt at a river trip, and Robin flew out to La Ceiba to get supplies for the graduation and 2 groups of visitors that we will have in the month of March. The Lord worked it out that she was able to do her shopping on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Then on Friday and Saturday carry the supplies and cooler out to the boat. We thank the Lord that she was able to get most all the things on the list. Now, one more grocery run to Puerto Lempira this coming week and buying 25 frozen chickens and we should be good to go! We are planning to feed right at 250 people on that Sunday after the graduation.

As far as the river trip, I had been working and testing the boat motor for two weeks. The 40 hp motor that we normally would use, the salt water had oxidized a hole in the aluminum block allowing water to get into the cylinder. We were able to purchase a used block and rebuild the motor, but the head gasket and valve cover gasket were not reusable and would not seal, so we had to order those from the US. So we took the other 40 hp motor and put the Jet foot on it and the Lord allowed us to have the most "uneventful" trip up river that we have ever made. In 12 hours we were already pulling in to the landing of Pansana. We were able clean the properties in the villages of Pansana and Krausirpi. With our pastor that was there having left, we were mostly trying to see what the status of the work there was. We are so thankful for the warm welcome from the folks in both villages. They are wanting us to be there as much as possible, and want us to get a church going as soon as possible. The harvest is plentiful, but the "LABORERS" are few. That is what we need now more than anything.

In the month of March we will be having a graduation for Bro. Levis Paisano. He has been studying with us for almost 5 years now. He has been growing and learning more and more in these last couple of years. Our pastor, Bro. Bill South, and a group of 14 from our home church will be coming in for the graduation. We are excited to celebrate this special day and also to be able to show the folks coming in a little bit about the work. The next week we have a missionary family coming in to visit with us for a week. They will be helping us lay some block in the village of Auka.

As many of you already know, my Dad will be 93 years old in September. He currently is living with my sister in her house, but is physically and mentally failing. After conferring with our pastor and field director, I offered, and my sister felt it would be good that we would come and care for Dad for three months. Our plan is to come in the first of May and care for Dad till the end of July. We will not be taking meetings or traveling during that time. We want to dedicate our time to being with and caring for Dad.

We thank you for your prayers in these first two months of the year. The Lord has blessed us so much and given us opportunity to work and serve in so many different ways. We ask for your prayers in this next month of March and then in preparing for being gone for these 3 months.

In His Service,  
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