

(Video included in Kaylee's Korner)

We love this time of year! Thanksgiving, a day spent with family and friends; reminding each other of the many reasons we have to be thankful followed by the preparations for Christmas, a season when much of the world turns their attention to Jesus. We enjoyed our Thanksgiving Day with the Americans serving with Mission UpReach in Santa Rosa. We are so thankful to be part of this family and that we are able to be a part of the work here. We see God at work and are excited to be working along side Him...sometimes running to keep up! For example, as one of the first steps in our outreach in Corquín, we started using a Mission UpReach bus to transport people to Santa Rosa to participate in their church services until we are able to establish a congregation in Corquín. We have been praying for God to connect us with those searching for Him. He is doing just that; even before we move there! Visitors have been joining us; as many as 15 on a given Sunday. Please be praying for us as we reach out to our neighbors.

At the end of February, the beginning of the new school year in Honduras, the DESEO program (a part of Mission UpReach) will be coming into three schools in Corquín. We will be teaching Bible lessons in addition to other topics to children of all ages. There will be more information on this in a future newsletter, but we wanted to let you know so you can be praying as we prepare for this. It is incredible that we are invited into the schools in order to teach Bible principles. We don't know how long this will be the case, so we want to make the most of this opportunity!

We have just gotten word that the shipment with our household goods has reached Honduras. Our house is not finished yet, but we hope to have enough accomplished to put our things into a room or two for storage. We thank God for His hands in this process. We have been blessed to have friends put us up in their homes throughout this time and all our needs have been met. We praise God for His abundance.

We will be returning to the States for a few weeks in December. We are looking forward to attending our son Matthew's wedding and celebrating Christmas with our other sons Michael and Mason. We also hope to have a chance to visit with those of you in the Lexington area.

Finally, we are trying to complete our budget for next year. We have currently raised 80% of our needed monthly support and are hoping to secure commitments for the remaining balance before the end of the year. We see God moving here in a powerful way and are prayerful that you will be able to partner with us as we endeavor to "Go and make disciples" in Corquín and the surrounding towns. Would you consider contributing, even a small amount, on a monthly basis? If you would be willing to help us or would like more information, please let us know. In any case, we covet your prayers for us. Please join us as we pray for the lost souls of Western Honduras.

Kaylee's Corner, including a video... [click here](#))

This month I was given the opportunity go to "El Retiro De Jovenes" (The Youth Retreat) organized by Mission UpReach and the church that we attend. This retreat was scheduled for the weekend directly in between the two weeks we were planning to be in Antigua, Guatemala.

So, while my parents and Brittany went to Guatemala again for language school, I stayed in Santa Rosa de Copan, Honduras with the Stacy family, another family that works with Mission UpReach in Santa Rosa de Copan.

I had a great time getting to know the Stacy family better while I stayed with them, and the youth retreat was an amazing experience as well. It lasted for a weekend and was at a campground in the mountains. The theme was: "DISTRUIDOS" (distracted) and used the game Pac-Man as the decorations as well as examples in the lessons. The sessions were about how to identify what our distractions are, how to pray to God, and how to read and understand what we are reading in the Bible.

Going to the retreat was doubly good for me: (1) It was a perfect opportunity to finally get to know the people my age in the church which, hopefully, will lead to friendships, and (2) it was almost 100% Spanish immersion, which can sometimes be even more beneficial than being in a language school setting. It was also really encouraging to see in a practical way how much Spanish I now know; the fact that I could understand 80-90% of all of what was going on during the retreat was good affirmation that I am learning and improving, considering that I started a little over three months ago with no Spanish.

May God richly bless you all!

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