

Dear Friends and Family,

December 23, 2021

We have now completed 4 months of missions work in Honduras, and are enjoying a time of sweet rest and fellowship with my family here in Blaine, MN. The past 2 months have been once again filled to the brim with God's amazing blessings. In October, I was able to attend a men's conference at the Rolston's ministry in Santa Rita, which is about 6 hours from the Hodges in Sabanagrande. The conference was a tremendous blessing, and a great time of fellowship with both American missionaries, as well as Honduran pastors, laymen, and faithful churchgoers. I have been picking up more Spanish as time goes by, and hope to continue growing in the areas of my service in the ministry as I do so. God even blessed me with the privilege of leading a young boy to Christ as my wife and I were on the bus heading to church! He was the first Honduran that I have been able to lead to Christ, and praise God for this!

As for our work at New Life Christian School, The Lord has also shown his working hand. I was able to teach the Salvation series to the entire school during chapel; I am humbled to say that The Lord used this as an instrument to bring several of the students to Christ. One of the girls was Celina's 5th grade student, whose name is Dominick. Celina had talked to her about her salvation before at recess, but her Catholic upbringing and traditions hindered her from realizing that salvation is a gift; but praise the Lord for softening her heart, and giving her the second chance of receiving His free gift of eternal life!

Our bus route has also been a gift from the Lord which we have thoroughly enjoyed. During the month of November, we had our church's "mission's month." This is our church's busiest month of the year, as every year, each of the 4 buses that run bus routes have a country that they research. After researching, we make beautiful decorations of that country for the entrance of the church, make that country's food to feed the entire church, do a missionary drama, and sing a missions-themed song as a choir. Though very busy, missions months is also a time of excitement, bonding, and remembering how big and needy the entire world is of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Our bus's country this year was French Guiana, and Luke and I very much enjoyed being a part of our team as we worked together. There were many who were baptized during the missions month of November, and on the last Sunday of November, there were people saved. Two of Celina's Sunday School girls were saved- Carla and Jennifer.

Also, Valeria, who was mentioned in our previous prayer letter, has been very faithful in coming to church, and is now bringing her younger cousin Jonathan to church. Please be in prayer for several of Celina's Sunday school students who want to be baptized; they come to church alone, and their parents will not allow them to be baptized, since they were baptized as babies in the Catholic church- Valeria is one of

them. Also, please be in prayer for Jonathan, as he is yet not saved. He does not live with either of his parents, and definitely needs the Lord.

As we approach the end of the year, we are excited to say that The Lord has been leading in a certain direction concerning a permanent mission field. We do not have everything set in stone as of yet, so that may perhaps be revealed on our next prayer letter. We do want to thank those who have prayed for God's guidance concerning our mission field to come. Please pray that travel remains available and open despite the restrictions of COVID-19. We hope and pray that the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ would yet be able to be spread to the uttermost part of the world!

Thank you once again for all of your prayers. We know certainly that The Lord has already worked miracles in our lives while here on the mission field, and that is strictly because of the faithful prayer warriors we have both here, and overseas. He has given us safety, provided in bountiful measures, led us to people with softened hearts towards the Gospel, and given us great GRACE and JOY while serving the Lord here in Honduras. Thank you for your prayers!

In Christ,  
The NALTY's in Honduras

**Prayer Requests:**

1. Dominck's spiritual growth
2. Salvation of the students at New Life Christian School
3. Travel to remain wide open
4. Deputation in the summer
5. Luke's Dad, who recently had knee surgery, and is in the process of recovering.

