



June 2023

## Travels and Studies

The month of May flew by this year. Language studies are continuing, and we are always looking for new ways to practice Spanish.

This month we were able to have a family from church in our home for supper, and that was a blessing. It was quite memorable, too, because half of the evening was spent in the dark because of a power outage, but the electric came back on and we were able to end the night with lights and fans, which was great. Spanish practice doesn't always go smoothly, though; when we first arrived in Honduras and didn't have a car a church member gave us a lift somewhere and I accidentally thanked him for "the cage" instead of "the lift." This month, we visited our local market for fresh produce and Amber tried to ask the vendor if he sold onions, but instead asked for horses. We love these stories, though, because it reminds us that language is about connecting with people, not perfection, and it's great to be able to laugh at yourself.

Amber got to experience her first Mother's Day here (it's the same date as in the USA). In Honduras, this holiday is a major celebration, and everyone goes all-out to spoil the mothers in their lives. It's also a great time for outreach, and Amber got to attend a ladies church event the week before Mother's day, and that was a blessing.

Speaking of mothers and children, our second daughter will be arriving soon. Her due date for arrival is June 27th, but we would not be surprised if she makes an early appearance. She is healthy and growing, and we are trying to finish up our long to-do lists in preparation for her arrival. A big highlight of our month was a 2-week trip to the states. We attended two weddings of Amber's siblings, spent some time with my family in VA, and worked on correcting a bunch of paperwork that we need in order to start our Honduran residency process. God is good, and the trip was a success in every way. The weddings were great, family time was refreshing, and all the paperwork was completed on time before we left. Praise the Lord!



*1 Waited in an office for 4.5 hours to get a typo on our marriage license corrected. So happy to have our paperwork in progress!*

Those weddings made me think about the future marriage supper of the Lamb. As much as I look forward to being there, I also can't help looking around me and wondering how many Hondurans will be there. They need to know the truth about eternity; that Heaven is gained by faith in Christ, not their works. I am eager to begin the process of church planting and full-time soul winning and discipleship. Would you pray with us that during the second half of this year God will bless our language studies and prepare us for what we will face in Tegucigalpa afterward? We are so thankful we get to be a part of what He wants to do in Honduras! Thank you for being a part of that, too. Thank you for your prayers. Serving Christ,

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*2 Flying home to Honduras!  
Exhausted from travel but  
happy to be back.*

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