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New Garcia

The biggest news of the month is, of course, the new baby God has blessed us with! Baby Rosie was born on June 16th here in Honduras. We spent an hour stuck in traffic on a Friday night as we tried to get to the hospital, and I am thankful we made it with two hours to spare. The labor was more difficult than Amber's first one, with Sofia, so recovery has been slower, but mama and baby are both doing well now and we are thankful for all the blessings we have experienced in the last three weeks.



Sofia is absolutely obsessed with her new sister! She always wants to be with and see Baby Rosie. She can't stand to hear her sister cry and always tries her best to comfort her or tell Mommy when Baby Rosie needs her. Amber is already getting back into her Spanish lessons and is making good progress.



After our successful trip to the States, our documents have been delivered to our lawyer here in Honduras and are currently being translated, so pray that the next stages of obtaining our residency go smoothly. This week we went to "National Registration of Persons" and got Rosie's birth registered in the Honduran system. Interesting side note: here in Honduras, when women get married they don't give up their maiden name, so their children have two last names; their father's and mother's. Normally that is two different last names, but since Amber's legal last name is Garcia, Rosie's official last name on her birth certificate is "Garcia Garcia". I think that's pretty awesome.

The missionary family we are with this year, the Goins, have many teams visiting throughout the year, and right before our baby came, they had a large week-long medical clinic. I was able to help with some translating for one of the days. The clinic was a wonderful opportunity to help the community here and a great opportunity to share the gospel. Throughout the week over sixty people prayed to receive Christ.

Last week, during one of Amber's Spanish lessons, I took Sofia to the town center to find some things. We didn't find what we were looking for, but we did have fun buying some mangoes, watching the doves, and talking to strangers. Never underestimate the power of a cute kid to open up doors. Sofia, and now Rosie as well, have opened so many conversations for us here and I'm sure that will be a help when we start our first church in Tegucigalpa.

Although we are eagerly anticipating that stage in ministry, we are thankful for all we are learning right here, right now. Ministry isn't just about what happens in the streets and in the church; it starts in the home, and God is teaching us so much as our family grows. More and more, we see the importance of surrendering the individual moments of our lives to the Lord and letting the outflow of that be the fuel of ministry. Thank you for the moments in your own life when we come to mind and you send up a prayer for us, or send a quick message to encourage us, or take the time to read this letter. We are grateful for you. May the Lord bless you. Serving Christ,

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