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Adjusting and Growing

We hope that God blessed your month of July as much as He did ours. Both of our girls seem to be growing up so fast. It is amazing how much Rosie has grown in the month and half she has been with us; she stares at everything and everyone with wide-eyed wonder.

Sofia is learning so much; yesterday she counted out five of something, she prays for breakfast every morning, and she loves learning new songs about Jesus and the Bible, though I think she mixes up the stories about the wise men who brought gifts to Jesus and the wise man who built his house upon the rock. Last week I took her out to find new shoes and socks. In the States, I suppose that would mean just going to Walmart or some clothing store, but shopping for shoes looks different here in Honduras. We went downtown where they have the open-market and different shops on the sidewalks, found a place that sold shoes and asked them if they had shoes her size. They didn't but gave us directions on where to go from there. Sofia looks great in her new shoes but they are just a bit big on her so she fell on some gravel walking in the church parking lot and got a tiny scratch. She had to show her scratched up knee to everyone but also made sure to show off her new shoes.



We were blessed with two special visitors in July; Amber's parents spent 10 days here with us, meeting their new granddaughter, helping with things around the house, spending quality time with all of us, and getting to know our little slice of Honduras. We enjoyed introducing them to our life here, especially to our church family. It was an answer to prayer that they were able to come for a visit, and it was the first time anyone from either of our families has been in Honduras.

Amber is slowly easing back into more hours with language school, and has entered her fourth of the five books she is working through. She has also been spending a lot more time in the nursery at church since Rosie's arrival, which has opened new connections through conversations with the ladies there. Amber has also resumed the weekly Bible study she started with a young lady from church.

Paperwork is continuing to progress, so please continue to pray for that. We are waiting for our documents to be translated for residency and will soon be applying for Rosie's US citizenship and passport. Praise the Lord everything went well with her Honduran paperwork.

I have spent a good bit of time this month helping Amber adjust to juggling two children plus school, and have enjoyed the extra time spent with Sofia, but I have also been studying Spanish, doing office work for our papers, and practicing Spanish hymns on my guitar. I also did a scavenger hunt all over town this month to find ingredients for homemade salsa. It was fiery and delicious!

As you can see from our header, we finally have a new family photo. If you need to update a photo you have of us, please feel free to use the one in the attachment of this email. As always, thank you for praying for our family.

Serving Christ,

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