



September 2023

Getting Residency

August was a busy month for us, but God blessed. The most noteworthy event was probably the race we did to turn in our paperwork for obtaining residency. Through a long chain of events we ended up having just one week to get everything turned in on time. We had to go out every day to wait in a line to get another piece of the puzzle that is residency. We have heard the stories about how difficult and repetitive the process can be, being told you need to bring a few specific things only to then be told you actually need something else, but I have to say God really blessed us with a smooth path this past week. Yes, it was hectic. Yes, there was a lot of asking around to figure where we had to go and what we had to bring. But people from the church we attend were very helpful and one detail that made our week far easier was the wonderful culture in Honduras. You have never gone so quickly through a line at a government office to obtain documents until you have stood in a line in Honduras with a toddler and an infant. More like pushed to the front of the line. You see, it's actually the law here that pregnant women, people with small children, and the elderly go through shorter lines or skip the line entirely, and that was a huge help this week.

All that to say, God was and is watching out for us. Our paperwork is all turned in and the process to get our residency has begun. Please continue to pray for us through this process, and thank you so much for your prayers so far.

September is a busy month in Honduras, especially for El Faro Baptist Church here in El Progreso. Pray for the believers here and Pastor Matt Goins as they reach out into their community with the gospel. This week they are hosting a blood drive to be a blessing to their community and this Saturday we are celebrating Día del Niño (Kid's Day), which is one of the biggest days in Honduras. "Kid's Day" is, as it sounds, a day for celebrating kids. Lots of candy is eaten and toys given. It's a huge deal here in Honduras and we look forward to experiencing it with our daughters for the first time, but it is also a wonderful opportunity for outreach.

Language school is going well. Amber just finished her fourth book and is spending more and more time with the ladies at church. Recently she let it be known that she really wants to learn to cook more Honduran dishes, and several ladies kindly offered to help with that. One of them came this month and spent an afternoon teaching Amber to make pollo chuco, a delicious traditional dish based around fried chicken. I am continuing to prep for my Spanish tests, and I have also been planning some sermons that I want to use when we start our first church next year. We are excitedly looking forward to that time.

We are always grateful for your prayers, but they were especially appreciated this month. Thank you for holding the ropes for us.

Serving Christ,

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Garcia*

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1This is how we did our background checks. The lady in the rose-colored shirt at the table works out of her mom's roadside restaurant across from the courthouse.

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