



May 2024

We were blessed with a very active April! Iglesia Bautista El Faro (the church we attend here in Honduras) celebrated mission's month, and we had a lot of preaching on missions and evangelism. The last Sunday of the month many people came dressed in international attire. Amber and Sofia wore Nepali style clothes. I didn't have anything special myself so I just joked that I came dressed as an American.

We have continued joining in with Bible club almost every Saturday, and we are enjoying getting to know the kids and gather ideas for future ministry. It's been fun to see Sofia warming up to the group as well. Rosie remains our most popular icebreaker with the kids. Many of these young people, although they are not even teenagers yet, are responsible for caring for their young siblings or cousins, and they have huge hearts for babies. Amber enjoys sitting on a tarp in the shade with Rosie on her lap and talking with the little kids while the bigger ones have game time.

I also got to join an outreach one Saturday afternoon. The group I was with had several opportunities to share the gospel and afterwards I meet up with a brother from the church for some good coffee and conversation.

God dropped an individual outreach opportunity in our laps this month, too. A young man approached us in a parking lot while we were finishing up some shopping and asked for money to buy food. I invited him to have lunch with us across the street, and the whole family enjoyed getting to know Joel over some baleadas. He wanted to show us some magic tricks he'd learned with rocks, and while I showed him a few tricks of my own, I got a chance to speak with him about the Rock we can build our life on.

At a recent men's meeting I got to try a Honduran dish that was new to me. I've had yucca (which is a little bit like a potato) and pig skins before; but I hadn't yet had them served together with pig's feet. I am always willing to try something new, and I ended up having seconds.

A new opportunity: Brother Beil is a missionary who has been here for a few months and is doing a great work reaching out to the Miskito people of rural Honduras. Many of them do not speak Spanish, and they still don't have the full Bible in their language. While he is taking a trip out to their area of the country this week I'll be subbing for him in two different English classes that he started here in El Progreso. English classes are a great way to bring people through the church doors here, and I am looking forward to doing that myself when we have our first church started. Pray that all the peoples of Honduras would be reached and have a Bible in their own language.

My Spanish is still improving as is Amber's. Sofia goes back and forth depending on the day. Sometimes she is very excited to speak in Spanish and other days she gets really quiet or frustrated because she can't express everything she wants to in Spanish; something we can relate to. In some ways, going through this experience together helps us be more understanding as toddler parents. Communication is hard! We would appreciate your prayers as we continue to work on our language skills, and also that we would get our paperwork finalized soon.

This month's update is longer than usual, but thank you for reading and praying for us. May God bless each one of you as well! Serving Christ,

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Our lunch with Joel



Enjoying the shade during story time at Bible Club