

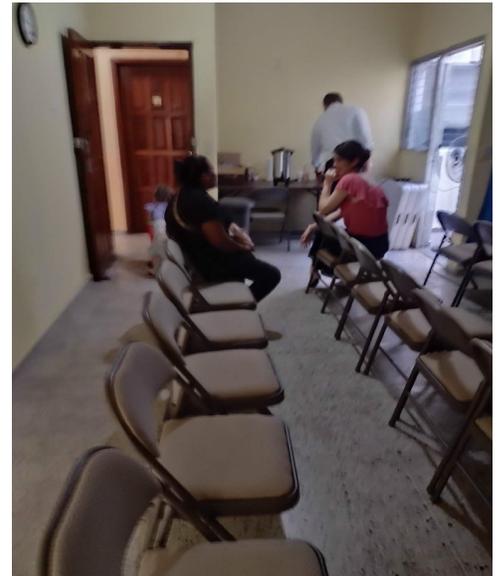


January 2025

We hope you had as wonderful Christmas as we did! We actually celebrated more than once as Amber's parents were able to visit us the week before Christmas.

Here in Honduras, Christmas Eve - Noche Buena - is the big day. Presents are opened, tamales are eaten, and lots of fireworks are set off! Incidentally we are relearning a universal truth that a newborn will sleep through many loud booming and screeching fireworks set off on your street for three straight hours; but will most definitely be stirred from her sleep by a small cough or the soft rustle of a bed as soon as you lay down.

After some uncertainty during the month of November about unrest connected to the election, we praise the Lord that we were able to get out and to services during the month of December without problems. It's fun going to church as a family of five! One Sunday this month we heard two women chatting in the hall outside our church, and Amber went out to talk with them. One was a salon owner, waiting for a client who was a no-show, and the other was a client waiting for a hairstylist, who also hadn't shown up. Both women were invited to sit and chat and have a cup of coffee while we set up for church, and one of them stayed for Sunday school. God works in a lot of ways, even through no-shows!



Coffee is a great icebreaker

So yes, we have had some visitors to our church, but we are definitely not satisfied with numbers we have been seeing, so we are looking forward to what the new year holds and being able to try out new outreach ideas. I plan to set a personal record with the number of invitations given out in January, and we are also looking into connecting with business owners on the blocks around our church. This is all a learning experience for us, and so we are very thankful for your prayers for us during this time. Please continue praying that the Lord would bless us with more visitors soon.

Happy New Year to all of you!
Serving Christ,

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