



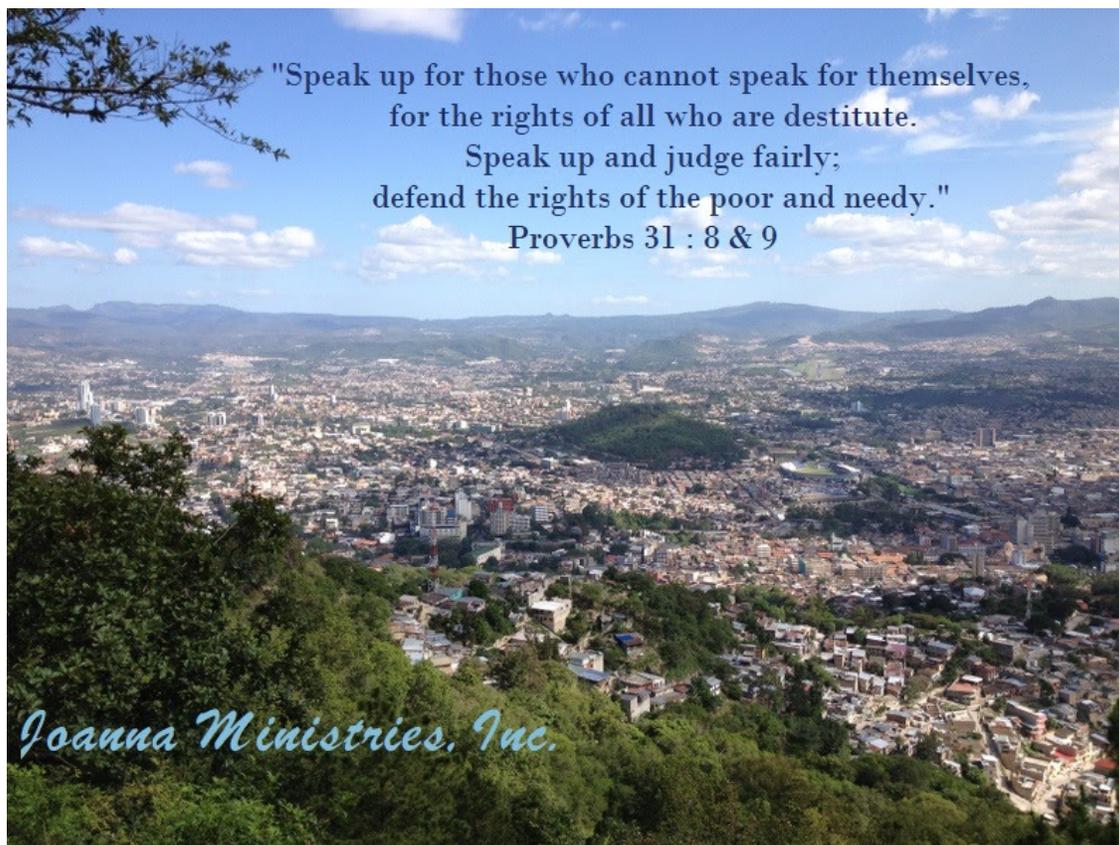
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September Update

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September finally brought the rains that we have been praying for. Many of the rivers and lakes are filling back up, though not at the full capacity to take us through dry season into the next rainy season, but it's a start. There are still many rivers and streams that are pretty dry so we continue to be conservative with the water we have. Please continue to pray with us that the Lord will bless this country with the rain we need to sustain us throughout the next several months. We do serve a God of "more than enough" so let's pray that He continues to show Himself faithful in this.

Also, as you pray, continue to ask that we would see a change in this country and that He might pour His light and blessing over His people here. That He would continue to use those of us serving here (including Hondurans who are actively praying and seeking to be agents of change as well) to see this nation and its people become a blessing to other nations and a testament to what God can do.

The first weekend of the month, I was in charge of childcare for those attending a marriage conference. The kids stayed at the mission house of the couple hosting the conference, while the

parents were able to stay at a small hotel a few miles away. Knowing the children were taken care of and not being around them all weekend was a welcomed retreat as they spent time in worship, prayer and sharing with other couples. The afternoon the children were being picked up, I was hearing there were breakthroughs in many areas for the couples who attended. Praise Jesus for the work He did this weekend and I pray that that work will not only continue but that God will use these couples to reach others as well.



Some nights look like supper with friends, boxers and puppets.



Other nights look like track meets supporting the pastor's daughter.

The last few years at church, we have had an "Expo" Sunday, which gives people the chance to sign-up to be involved in fellowship groups and different ministries within the church. For weeks before, ministries are explained and prayerful consideration is encouraged leading up to this time. I love that my sending church and home church here promote and encourage serving and getting involved within the church family. We are a family and as it says in 1 Corinthians 12 : 12-31, we are all part of the body and each part is important. Often, we may have the talent or care that has been needed but if we don't take the chance to step out, we may never know what the Holy Spirit can do through us and who might be needing the exact gift we have.



In September, there is a retreat for missionaries serving throughout Honduras that is not a part of the Honduran Fellowship. This was started by missionaries several years ago for anyone serving in the country. It is on a smaller scale, but the worship, messages and fellowship are no less important. The theme was reminding us not to forget who we are and what our purpose here is. Often, we can get caught up in the daily routine of what we "have" to do and forget the reason God called us to do what we are doing. It can be easy here to get caught up in the frustrations (unreliable electricity and water, traffic, hours waiting at the bank...) that we forget about the beauty of the country, its loving people and the work that God is allowing us to be a part of because we were willing to follow His leading. We don't all have to go thousands of miles away from home to be "missionaries" but we are called to do something for His Kingdom. Please don't allow whatever could become frustrations in your own life to cause you to forget the work He has called us all to do.



Dental team from Georgia who came to work with my friend's ministry.

The last week of the month, I spent with my friends (most have Ky connections) and their ministry.

They live about 3 hours north of the capitol. I rode with the team that helped with the retreat, to San Pedro, where they were flying out of and the other team had flown in to. The first few days, we stayed in San Pedro, before going back to the lake area where the ministry is based. A friend of mine volunteered me to help with translating, so I got a crash course in dental terms in Spanish and jumped right in! I worked with a retired dentist named Randy who loved being able to help out with different teams. We got along well and by the second day, I was beginning to understand more (in English) and really enjoyed working with him.

The people from the little town that surrounded the ministry came in for various reasons but most were a little nervous even if it was just for a cleaning. As often as I've been to the dentist and most people in the States have cleanings, we typically don't give a second thought to it. But for those who don't have those types of resources available, getting even minimal care can be a scary thing. Even after living here almost 5 years, these are still things that really get me sometimes and I pray that I never get so used to it, that I lose that spirit.



The girl in the pink came to assist her dad. She was unsure about coming at first but she was a great addition (also a Spanish speaker) to the team!



Allison (in the green) and her husband are the friends who invited me along. Their



Part of the team came to help with the children who were waiting to see the dentists or waiting for their parents. One of the guys was fluent in Spanish, which helped them out a lot!



This was such a great team to be a part of. They all genuinely seemed to like each other and got along so well. They also were very humbled and appreciative to be a part of the work here. I was talking with the group leader, Jim, who had prepared them so well that he said they really didn't need him there as a "leader". He said they have such a good rapport that he only comes with them because he enjoys being here. That speaks a lot to his leadership and following the Holy Spirit's guidance in preparing them as well. From day one, I felt like I was a part of them and it seemed like they just belonged here. Also, from day one, leaving the van for church, I slipped out of the van and fell. The men, from that point on, got out first to prevent further incidents. A little comical but also sweet of them to take such good care of us.



The team ended the week with a well-earned day at the beach. It was tough taking them to the airport but some of them have offered to let me come stay with them sometime in August.

I ended the month going to a singles get-together with the English-speaking church in San Pedro. I went to church with them on Sunday, had lunch, then got my usual bus back to Tegus. I always enjoy my time there and though I didn't get all the pictures I would have liked, I'm thankful that I am always so well taken care of while I'm there. God has put so many good people around me that form my community here as well as in the States.

More Info :

Our speaker for the conference -

<https://johnsonu.edu/staff/david-wheeler/>

Ministry I worked with -

<http://www.missiononthemove.org/honduras.html>

Facebook Group Praying for Honduras -

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/379435139398140/>

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