

May / June / July 2018



Hello from beautiful Honduras! We are enjoying the weather now, as for us the hot, dry season was short and has passed, and everything is green! We continue to seek and find ways to bless our community here in Aldea Cerro Grande, as you will see in this newsletter. ***If you would like to support our efforts to show the love of Jesus here in this part of Honduras, you can make out a check to Antioch Fellowship and send it to this address: 507 W. 24th Street, Sedalia, Missouri, 65301. Don't write our names on the memo***

line, but include a note indicating it is for Nathan and Kathy in Honduras, or if you don't need the tax deduction, you can donate via PayPal to streamskat@gmail.com....

This time period has been kind of dominated by puppies. They were born May 1 – NINE of them. The dad is a pit bull, on purpose, so we could bless people with some good guard-dogs-to-be. Nathan fell in love at first sight with one, whom we call Gigi, and I actually fell in love with one too, whom we call Wookie. Wookie is a huge puppy! And Gigi is a very affectionate one. We gave six of them to very appreciative Honduran families, but one was bitten by a snake and we lost her. At that same time, Gigi was so sick that Nathan had to squirt water with electrolytes into her mouth several times a day to keep her hydrated, but she has pulled through!



Also in May a young man I knew from my days of ministering to young adults in Tegucigalpa came to visit me and Nathan. We had great time catching up; he is now an administrator for a prominent church, Tsebaoth. It's so good to know that I have played a small part in launching him into his destiny; he is starting to write, and he is really good. Here's a translation of something he wrote in June: *"You knew them when they were still a dream, you know them now while they work with the hoe in hand, while they till the earth and make it produce. The sun has hit their faces, the marks of it are obvious. The "day to day" has tempted them to think that they no longer "qualify" for spiritual things. But there is a song that rests after its eagerness of "day to day", it is the sweet melody of the one who sees the heart, the sweet words that say: "My delight is in you". They have been marked by their days, but You have put a much stronger mark. As you continue to work the earth, your heart will rest, because You sustain them with the gift of Your closeness, even in the "day to day".* – Emanuel Landa

Our little missionary church, Body of Christ Fellowship, has continued to be a big blessing in our lives. We are grateful for these people in our lives; this has also been a good environment for Maricela to grow in. She is learning so much! In May, she and I both took turns bringing the Word. The top-right picture is of her leading, and the one below it is from my turn. In June Marcy, our fearless leader and most-of-the-time hostess, bought new living room furniture and gave us hers (Thank you Marcy!), so you see it again in the pictures of our meeting when we hosted at our house in July.... By that time we had finished our series on 1 John, so I brought a teaching on the spirit of Leviathan. August 1 I will be kicking off a series on the manifestations of the Spirit (from 1 Corinthians 12). If you are interested in any of those teachings, let me know, and I will send you my notes. :)

**...healing the land
and raising up the
sons and daughters
of God....**



We also got to participate in some outreaches during this time; Maricela went with a group of girls to visit women in the maternity ward of a local hospital, I helped with Gloria's outreach to the mothers of the high school students she works with, and when our friend Dolly came from Missouri,

she spoke at that high school, and afterward we ministered to one of the teachers. At the hospital, Mari and the other girls not only prayed with the women but also gave each one a care



package containing diapers, a little hat for the baby, and other small gifts. What a great opportunity to bless people! At the outreach to moms, we prepared and handed out snacks, I brought a devotional, and Gloria supervised a group of teenagers and others who pampered the ladies by fixing their hair, painting their nails, and doing their makeup. Afterward Gloria and I prayed with the school principal.



At the high school Dolly took on the character of the woman who touched the hem of Jesus' garment and told her story. Then she talked about how even though we have to wait for answers to our prayer, the Lord has perfect timing, and it is for our good and for the glory of God. After the closing prayer, the school counselor remarked at how attentive the students were. Some were visibly moved, and Dolly and Gloria were able to pray with one girl. Before we left, we ministered to one of the teachers.

May 13, the day Maricela brought the lesson at church, was actually the tenth anniversary of our coming to Honduras! We hadn't made plans to celebrate, but someone donated money for the occasion. However, the timing wasn't right, so we waited. On July 1, our friends Eva and Erlin and some of their family came to visit, and we decided to celebrate with them by going out for pupusas, a Central American treat!



...and a good time was had by all!

We also had a good time with my boss and her husband. I have continued to build a relationship with Anny as the Lord has led. We had them over for supper in June, and then they adopted one of Osa's puppies.



The other two pictures here are from graduation. I was honored to sit at the table with the principal and hand out diplomas!



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On July 4 we hosted an Independence Day cookout for the missionaries in our region. It was kind of last minute (long story), so there were not many. However, it was great fun to have these people over. The guy in front in this photo (left), Jonathan, and his family (his are the younger kids) were on a



countdown to their day of leaving Honduras. To the right is a piece of a collage of photos from their farewell party; his wife Marillyn is holding the baby. They left on the twenty-first. Such a sad loss among several this year.

The missionary community seems to be thinning out. We want to work ourselves out of a job – always a missionary’s goal – but these.... Their time has been cut short, and the rest of us really feel the loss. Saying goodbye over and over is part of the life.

As I mentioned before, we had a special guest – Dolly Morris from our home church, Antioch Fellowship in Sedalia, Missouri!! This was Dolly’s second trip. The first time she came, I just about wore her out with a very busy schedule. This time she was here mostly just to bring us love and blessing, and that she did. She brought gifts for us, played games with us, and sat and listened to us for hours. It is hard to explain how great it is to have someone who cares so much for us that she will travel to see us! Thanks for coming, Dolly! If anyone else would like to come and hang out and see what we do here, let us know, and who knows? You may find yourself here too! Oh, and while Dolly was here, one of the Bean Boys lost his father. It was sudden and unexpected – a tragedy. Dolly helped us to bless the family, and some of the other Bean Boys took our gifts to them.



The boy who lost his father is named JohnCarlos, in case you would like to lift him and his family in prayer. His mom is Jessica.



Please also continue to be in prayer for Santos and Karla. They

came to visit us last weekend, and Santos said that it looks like he will be working soon, that he had a job offer – this is a very long time coming, and we hope that it works out. Karla is still very sick, not only with fibromyalgia but also with a distended bladder that needs an operation. She is not able to get the operation until October, and her co-workers are becoming impatient with her for missing a lot of work. The kids are all doing well.





Honduras is once again in the midst of protests. This time it has to do with the transportation industry. Public transportation in Honduras is generally cheap and dependable. There are isolated problems, but overall I as a customer am satisfied. The drivers want fuel prices to be lowered, and the government wants them to raise fares. There are other issues, but this seems to be the sticking point. There have been several days of protests, with these guys using their buses and taxis to block traffic. The protests themselves have been peaceful, but there have been robbers taking advantage of the people forced to walk, and traffic has been held up to the point that people have had to shelter in place rather than go home. The mototaxi drivers here in our area blocked a crucial intersection all day this past Monday (I took the picture after I discovered I wasn't going to be able to go to town). We are praying for protection for people walking and for wisdom to intervene. Tomorrow I need to get money for Maricela so she

can – maybe – see her mother for her birthday, depending upon the buses. I am hoping that I am able to get cash, and I am also hoping that she is not stuck Elsewhere for a whole week again because of the protests. People are predicting cash, gas, and food shortages should these protests continue, so some have started stocking up. As for us, we haven't seen the need to panic, but we do need to be wise....

This and That



The last student finishing up his last exam at Liquidambar School (my grammar exam).

One of our patrons donated money for us to buy Jonathan and Marillyn's stove. Thanks, Keith!



The Bean Boys are having fun learning lawn and pool maintenance....



[We had a worship night in May – it was great, but I forgot to take pictures!]



Below, Eva and Erlin's family is just being goofy in our front yard.. Good times.



← Maricela is holding the abacus that she and her group made for math class. It was so well done that they were accused of going out and buying it! Nathan did some instructing, but it was their original idea, and they did most of the work!





Thank you for reading this very long issue of our newsletter. Feel free to email us with any questions, concerns, or ideas you may have for us, or contact us via Facebook. Also, please let us know if we can pray for you. We try to pray for all the requests that come to us.

Our needs right now include:

1. **Travel mercies** for my mom (this coming Monday) and two small teams – September and October!
2. An increase in our **monthly support** – Two new churches have signed on to support us starting in August, - thank you Jesus! - but we could still use some more loyal supporters that we can rely on.
3. The funds to pay the **Bean Boys** to work more, and to have more of them, and also the funds to keep Maricela in **school**.
4. For our new **roto-tiller** to be shipped to us soon!
5. God's **wisdom** for us as we now are work to launch **Maricela** into a productive and godly adulthood. (Gerson left the nest a few weeks ago, prematurely (long story).)
6. The funds to **buy Villa Irma**.
7. The time and ability to renew Kathy's **driver's license**.
8. God's timing for a **partnership** with another ministry to help more boys – more details to be released at a later date, but feel free to ask if you are interested.

Thank you again for your support. We cannot express how much we appreciate your prayers, your giving, and your friendship. **Please stay in touch!**

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