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INFECTIOUS MISSION

The Maradiaga Family

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas.

We come to this time of year to reflect and think about the things we are thankful for. We are so thankful for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Who gives us the strength each day. He is the One Who gives us love, since He is love, to love those who need it. We are so thankful for all of you who continue to support us and lift us up in prayer. We are thankful for a good God who has good plans for those who love Him. God's plan for our friend, Suyapa, was to end her suffering and to take her home to himself. In the early morning on October 3rd, we received a call from Suyapa's neighbor that she had passed away. We rushed to get ready and wake the kids. We left the kids with friends so I could be with Suyapa's daughter, Johana, and Calix could go up the mountain and notify Suyapa's three other children. A week later, Johana came to live with us in our already full house. She will finish her 8th grade school year soon, and we don't know what will happen after that. You can pray for direction for us and Johana, as we don't have a long-term plan for her.



Samantha got to celebrate her 7th birthday with some friends at our house. She had a mermaid piñata and cake.



Rainy season is here and started with a bang in early October! We had over twenty inches of rain in the last week, and the roads are already muddy. We are glad to have rain, but we are sad for our neighbors who have difficulty in this season, especially for those who don't have a dry place to rest at night. We are thankful for a great 4x4 truck that gets us where we need to go. Here is a picture of a road near our house.



When we got back from the States, we didn't really know what to expect at church after one of the leaders left due to making some poor decisions. The president of Christians in Action for Central America came at the end of August, to meet with the whole church. The church decided to nominate Calix for pastor of our church. So, on September 3rd, Calix was ordained pastor of our little church. **Please pray for wisdom as we navigate this new role with already full plates and a full house.**

Our home addition is underway, despite the rain. We have the roof put on and the walls framed. Calix is putting walls up slowly as he has time in the afternoons. The outer walls will be wooden, and the inner walls will be sheetrock. We will be excited to have some more space for the kids when it's done. We are so thankful to those of you who donated for our home addition. Thanks to your generosity, we should have all the funds we need. We are hopeful it will be done in the next several months.

We covet your prayers in this especially busy time. We pray blessings over you all during this blessed Christmas Season.

Love, Christine, Calix, Samantha, Lucas, & Jeri

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