

Spring Forward

PRAISE NOTES

- We made several trips to the jungle to bring food
- We were able to buy school uniforms for children so they could attend school
- We had a wonderful trip to Trujillo
- The car ran well

PRAYER NOTES

- Cindy's cataract surgery goes well
- Karl's cancer numbers continue to be low
- Our 1997 car continues to run well until we can raise funds for a replacement.
- Funds and good health to return to Honduras in August

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We never know what lies ahead. We make plans and set them before the Lord to change as He wills. Here in Honduras it seems this is true even more, partly because plans change quickly and often down here or at least it seems that way, but God's plan never changes. He had a plan in place for us on this trip to Honduras.

First on our addenda was to visit Jose's family to bring them groceries and get sizes for school uniforms. In Honduras the children need a school uniform to attend the public school. Many cannot afford one and the children are not able to go. They grow up unable to read or write. We drove out to the jungle, about an hour away and picked up some food for them on our way. With the help of our friend Lisa Bradley we were able to get the sizes of all four children in the family. A school uniform consists of a shirt, an undershirt, a black belt, a pair of blue pants, socks, and black shoes. It is quite costly for a poor family to purchase all of this. We were so happy to be able to help this struggling family with funds that were donated by many of you. Once we got the sizes a day was planned to go into the city to buy the items. Only certain stores carry the school uniforms. It was a whole day affair to get everything as one store does not have it all. There is no such thing as one store shopping in Honduras. The next week we brought the school clothes along with more food to the family. A third trip was made to bring more food, clothes and shoes for mom and dad as well as some peluches(stuffed animals) courtesy of our friends we partner with who had extras to share.

We had a wonderful opportunity this trip to go to Trujillo for a the weekend with fellow missionaries Katheryn and Oscar. This is a dream come true for Cindy as she has been wanting to go for many years! Dora Taylor who led her to the Lord and took her on her first mission trip over 30 years ago, was a missionary there from 1951-1963. She wanted Cindy to see the town where she work. Every year when we would return from Honduras she would ask her "Did you get to Trujillo?" The answer was always "No, not yet but someday." Dora has since passed away but we were finally able to fulfill the promise she made to her. It was a wonderful experience as we stayed with a Honduran family that were friends with Oscar. There is nothing better than fresh tortillas in the morning! The family took us all around the town and showed us so much. The extended family that lived next door came too! We even got a few Spanish lessons as a bonus! It was an experience of a lifetime that we will treasure forever.

We continued to work at the two clinics during the week in addition to handing out clothing and peluches to the children with our neighbors.

On two weekend we had the 8 girls from Casa Bethesda children's home out for a meal and to celebrate Lisa's birthday.

We are so very grateful for all your prayers and support while we were in Honduras. We ask that you will continue to pray for our health so that we may return to Honduras the middle of August.

- Karl and Cindy

