

June 2024

INFECTIOUS MISSION

The Maradiaga Family



As many of you probably remember, back at the end of 2023, we had Orlando (12) and Johana (14) living with us. Orlando kept telling us that his mom was moving back to our town and that he would live with her soon. He was so excited! We were excited for that possibility knowing that we had two, almost teenagers, who were not related, living under one roof. We were also really nervous about what that might mean for Orlando's schooling. After Christmas break, Orlando's mom sent him back to live with us, and we wondered why since she had moved back. Toward the end of January, we were able to talk with her and still offer to help with Orlando and his schooling while having him live with her. About a month ago, we heard that his mom left with him, and all of his things, in the middle of the night. We later found out that she left and took him wetback to the States. Please help us in praying for Orlando's safety and that of his mom and little brother.

I made a short trip (9 days) to the States in late November and spent Thanksgiving in the hospital with my mom. She fell and broke the top part of her femur, had surgery the next day, and was in the hospital for about 9 days before being transferred to a rehabilitation facility. Please pray for her full recovery.

Our home addition is about 85% complete and the kids are getting so excited to have their new space. We are lacking one wall and finishing the bathroom and the stairs. Calix has done so much of the work himself, and it looks amazing! His brother helped him with the sheetrock work, and we are thankful. He used to do sheetrock work in the States for about 16 years. I would estimate that it will be done within the next month. Thank you to all who gave to make this expansion to our home possible!



As I write this, Calix is up in the mountains with 3 other men preaching at a little church and doing a water project to bring water into a home. His trips up the mountains will start again as the rains have ended and the roads are being fixed. We have been given lots of clothes and shoes as well as household items that we are excited to share in several communities. At the end of March, we went with a large group to share in a community about 45 minutes up the mountain. We are excited for this part of our ministry to continue again after a very wet and messy rainy season.



Please pray for our Samantha. She has a problem in her adult teeth of hyper mineralization. Her adult molars grew in yellow. We have had to see a pediatric dentist here in our nearest city, La Ceiba, once a month for treatments. Please pray these treatments help to save her adult teeth.



We had a team come and do a marriage conference at the end of February. The couples led the time, and the men watched the kids. Samantha was the translator. We had two wonderful, encouraging visitors come and stay with us in our guesthouse for most of the month of March (Norma and her friend Joanna). Norma is the founder of our little church in Margarita that we are now pastoring. We also had visitors from Guatemala in late April who did a wonderful marriage conference.

Because we love helping those who have needs here, we have created a **Benevolence Fund** as part of our Cornerstone International account. We have a small board of leaders to help decide who will receive from this fund. Please feel free to give to this fund in small or large amounts; we are excited to be a blessing to those around us in need. (This was originally created to help Johana's mom, Suyapa, with her cancer treatments, but it is now expanded to help meet the needs of others.)



We will make a quick 2.5 week trip to the states from June 18th -July 8th . We will plan to stay in Georgia this time, but we want to see as many people as possible. Please contact us; we would love to see you and hear what's going on in your lives. WhatsApp (country code 504) 9769-3464 or email christine@lomadeluz.net.

Thank you for praying for us; we feel your prayers. For example, the Lord protected me in what could have been a very severe accident back in February. Our older truck's brakes went out, and I went barreling through the hospital gate. I was finally able to stop about 100 meters past it. Glory be to God that nobody was in the way or hurt. We had some material damages to our truck, but we are working on fixing them.

Please let us know how we can pray for you!

Love, Christine, Calix, Samantha, Lucas, & Levi

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