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INFECTIOUS MISSION

The Maradiaga Family

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas!

As we are in the month of November, and closer to Thanksgiving, I am reminded of so many things I am thankful for. The Lord has been so good to us! We are thankful for family, friends, new missionary families, the ministry of the hospital, our church family, our home, a working vehicle, provision from the Lord in tough times, and the Lord's faithfulness through so many different situations this year. So, what are you thankful for? I hope this holiday season fills you with joy and thankfulness as you remember the Savior's birth.

Johana Updates

We have had a very full year! We celebrated Johana and her special 15th (*Quinceanera*) birthday in July. It was a wonderful day with a special dress (bought in the States and brought back), good friends, and her sister, niece, and nephew. We celebrated by going to a restaurant an hour away that had a pool. We had a nice lunch with melted cake and a fun afternoon in the pool to cool off. After her 15th birthday, I noticed a change in her demeanor. She started spiraling downward in a very sad emotional state. For her young age, she has had a very hard life



(including the death of her mom - her only caretaker, and seeing her father and brother murdered when she was younger). Thankfully, we have gotten her some counseling. We still need lots of prayer for her as we try to help her navigate her emotions and mental wellbeing. She graduates from 9th grade at the end of this month. Please pray for us to find a good high school for her to complete her last three years.



Thank You

Thank you for giving from a Facebook post that I made about spraying for dengue fever. Dengue fever is a mosquito spread disease, like malaria with similar symptoms. Several communities have been sprayed entirely, which reduced the amount of dengue fever we saw in the last month and a half. We started to see more sickness again at the beginning of November. Please pray for our family and our missionaries to stay healthy. The hospital has an inpatient room with mosquito nets just for dengue fever patients, and the nurses are equipped with bug spray to try to protect themselves.



Family Updates

My cousin Whitney came to visit for a week in July and was here for Johana's Quinceanera party. In August, we took a fun summer day-trip with another family from our church to the botanical gardens and aquarium. This was before the kids started school on September 3rd. Right before they started school, Samantha, Johana, and I went to a Women's conference in the mountains about nine hours away with about 30 other women from our area. It was Samantha and Johana's first women's conference, and it was delightful. It was a good time to get away and spend time with the Lord and other like-minded women. Samantha celebrated her 8th birthday in October (Princess Peach themed) with lots of friends from school.

Ministry

The hospital has been sustained over the last two years by Honduran doctors who desire to serve the Lord and their own people. Many of these doctors will be leaving in the next couple of months due to marriage or new programs to further their education. Please pray for the Lord to send more special Christian Honduran doctors who desire to love and serve. Please pray for more missionary doctors to come and serve for short-term and long-term.

Please pray for our church as we continue working and growing there. Sometimes we get discouraged as people fall into sinful lifestyles, or just stop coming altogether. Please pray that we can look at this new year with fresh eyes and a desire to grow. We haven't had many marriage conferences this year, maybe three, so I hope for more next year. We have a women's meeting once per month, and it has been a real joy to share our challenges and pray for one another. Please pray for wisdom as we lead this small flock of sheep.

So, as we look to this Christmas season, we are so thankful for our Savior, Jesus, and for all of you who support us. We are in need of about \$200/month more in support this next year. We are still unsure of the expenses for Johana's high school, but know that it will require more. We want to help her through high school, and if funds allow, through a practical nursing program that takes two years. Your support allows us to support her and her education.

Support

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

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