

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year



As the holiday season unfolds, we hope that each of you are doing well. It's wild to think that this is already our second holiday season here. Though we miss our friends and family, we are so grateful for the community and ministry the Lord has given us. Serving Jesus and living a life of devotion to Him is such a gift. We hope that you too sense this incredible purpose. Being His children and sharing His light and truth in the midst of so much darkness and despair is such a privilege. As we celebrate the birth of our savior, may this truth resonate deep within each of us and give us new passion in the pursuit of making Him known. While gifts are given and received, we hope that new gifts of revelation and truth encourage and strengthen you and your household. Our prayer for you as we prepare this update, is that you would see His faithfulness and experience His peace and joy, no matter the circumstances which surround you.

"I leave the gift of peace with you - My peace. Not the kind of fragile peace given by the world, but My perfect peace. Don't yield to fear or be troubled in your hearts - instead, be courageous!"

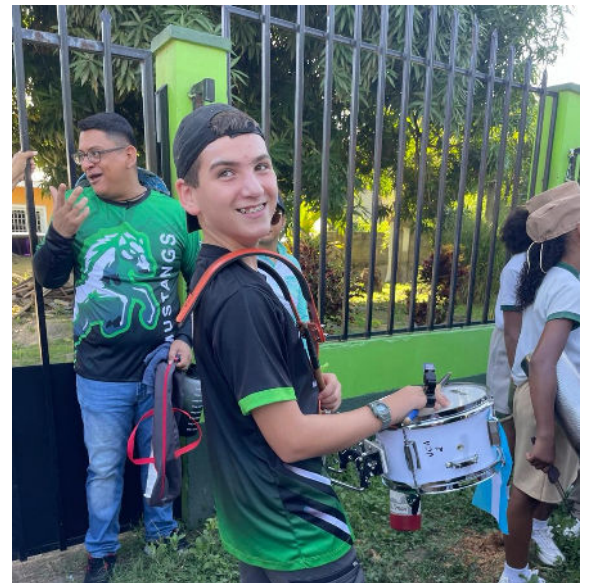
Johns 14:27 TPT



Thank you for your prayers and support during our beautiful chapter with Henry. He was with us for 11 amazing, miracle-filled weeks. We watched Henry miraculously grow from 10 lbs to over 18 lbs. Not only did he physically grow, but he became more alert and was attaching as healthy babies do. Returning Henry to social services was one of the hardest things I (Kelita) have ever done. We loved him fiercely and even contemplated what it would look like to keep him long-term. Foster care here is extremely complicated because of the corrupt and broken governmental system. We knew we were in for heartbreak no matter what we chose and that he could be taken from us at any time. We now have a deeper level of understanding of foster care parents. It is our desire to serve those who are caring for abandoned children and to encourage them how we can. Being a part of GiveHope2Kids gives us a unique opportunity to love the children in the ministry but also the heroic parents who care for them daily. Along with this renewed desire to come alongside the fostering parents, we are daily interceding for Henry. We know that his heavenly Father loves him even more than we do. We take praying for him very seriously because it's the only thing we can do for him now that he is not with us. We are also praying that the Lord would bring us other babies needing immediate, short-term respite care.

Life in Roma

We love Honduras! There is so much to learn from the amazing Honduran people and we so enjoy getting to be a part of their culture and traditions. Here's a bit of what we have been up to. Our children were able to participate in the annual Independence Day parade in September. Zander helped lead the band and the girls twirled flags while representing their school. There is a weekly youth gathering at the kids' school which Ben has been able to help lead and organize. Ben drives the ministry school bus and picks up kids along the way. As often as possible, we enjoy sharing a meal and a game night with the young people and volunteers who live on the Roma campus. We have been blessed with growing relationships with the young people in our ministry as well as people in our community.



Urraco Activities



Our weekly art and devotional classes in Urraco were a huge success. We learned about the joy of creating because we are created in His image. We learned that we are all His masterpieces, but still works in progress, just like the art we made. Most of all, we created a safe space for these beautiful girls to just be and create. This would not have been possible without Ben's willingness to care for Thaddeus and Henry and also drive us all up the mountain to the Urraco campus. Phyllis, the mother of one of our staff members, taught the girls art techniques and brought all the art supplies. We hope to continue these classes and grow our friendships along with our ability to rest in Him while creating art.



After over a year without consistent church services in the Urraco campus, we are so excited to share that there is now a weekly service! A church from down the mountain has offered to bring their team up to Urraco every Friday night. It has been such a wonderful blessing and we are praising God for this answered prayer! We are also excited to share that we have found a church in La Ceiba that we have been attending regularly. Our favorite part of this service is that we bring a van load of our friends to worship with us. It's been wonderful to see our children excited to go to church and worship in Spanish!

Beyond art classes and Friday night service, as a family we enjoy helping in other capacities. Ben is always repairing something, repurposing something or having meetings with the parents. We enjoy spending time with the ministry kids or helping Sharon (a missionary who works for GH2K). She has an endless job of sorting donations and making sure each household has what they need for the kids.

What's Next?

We will be in the USA May-July for our first furlough. We will visit family, friends, and supporting churches. We are so excited for this time of connecting and sharing more about GiveHope2Kids. We will also attend a one-week gathering in Wilmore, Kentucky with all the missionaries who are a part of Cornerstone International.

We are excited about the teams coming to partner with us in 2025. If you or your family are interested in coming down, please reach out to us.

In February, we will attend language school in Siguatepeque (which is about a 6-hour drive from our home). We are excited to invest in our family and practice sharing His truths with the people here.

Praise Reports

1. We are so grateful for the Friday night church service in Urraco, the Wednesday night youth group, and the Sunday morning church service in La Ceiba.
2. We think we have found a good high school for Zander to attend next year. Educating our children here has been a struggle, so we are excited for this school to be a good fit!
3. The Lord has been so kind to bring us community. We have had friends over for dinner, learned how to cook Honduran food, spent time in prayer together, and even shed some tears together.

Prayer Requests

1. Please keep GH2K, staff, volunteers and the 35 kids in your prayers. We are in a new season of many of the kids graduating and we need wisdom on how to help them grow as Christ-centered and confident adults.
2. Pray for Henry and the many other abandoned, abused, malnourished, or neglected children here. Please also pray for the brave foster parents, both Honduran and North American missionaries, who are dedicated to these children.
3. For more opportunities to get to know the people in our community and share Jesus with them, particularly during the Christmas season.
4. We hope to buy a more adequate vehicle. Please pray for us to have wisdom to buy the correct vehicle and for the needed repairs to happen soon.

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
from our grateful hearts! We are so thankful
for YOU, your prayers, and your support.*

*Abundant & merry blessings
from our family to you and yours!*



*Ben, Kelita, Zander,
Selah, Haven and Thaddeus*



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