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Making Disciples Among the People of Honduras

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In my role as Field Director of the World Reach team in Honduras I have been dedicating some of my time to deal with a few legal matters which affect our team and our organization's official status in the country.

During the past few years Honduras has seen an increase in the incongruous mix of drug organizations and non-governmental organizations (NGOs). If you are unfamiliar with the latter term those are private organizations that provide anything from humanitarian aid to religious education. The mission organization I work for, World Reach, Inc., is an NGO.

While the presence of so many NGOs in Honduras brings great benefit to many people and many communities, their ubiquity and the potential intangibility of their results makes unregulated NGOs ideal vehicles for laundering money. In response, the Honduran government has implemented new measures that have created new requirements for organizations like World Reach-Honduras.

One of those requirements is a lengthy annual report that includes a financial audit, a description of the previous year's activities and other legal documents. Fortunately, this year the government pushed the deadline from the end of February to the end of June. Working together with our auditor and secretary, we were able to submit the report by the deadline.

Our auditor accompanied me to the office of the governmental agency that oversees NGOs. She asked the gentleman who received our report when we could expect a response in the case that some aspect needed our attention. "We have quite a backlog of reports to process. Your report will most likely be processed in October." Whew! I'm glad we made the June deadline [sarcastic wink].



20-second summary

Dealing with legal matters affecting our missionaries in Honduras is part of my responsibility as Field Director. Recently I submitted to the Honduran government an annual report that substantiates the legitimacy of World Reach's activities in the country.

I have been invited to make monthly investments in the spiritual growth of the staff and students of the Honduras Spanish Institute.

In June, there was much progress on the adoption! Jayden's abandonment is nearly finished.



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Adoption progress...finally

After months of waiting there has been quite a bit of movement on the kids' adoption. In June we made 3 steps forward: the home study, psychological evaluations and Jayden's abandonment announcement. The social worker that performed the home study said she we very pleased to see how we interacted as a family. She said that the kids are doing well.

The next big step is the legal declaration of Jayden's abandonment. It will conclude the attempt to find biological relatives who would care for him and will denominate him as "adoptable". Recently an announcement with his picture was published in a national newspaper. Evidently there was no response (a good thing for us). As I write this, the official report of the announcement is being presented to our local judge. Once his abandonment is legal, the kids' case can go before the adoption assignment committee. The committee will make the final decision concerning the adoption. Although there are steps in the process after that, the committee's decision will determine whether the kids will be given to me in adoption.

Thank you for your continued prayers for a prompt and favorable outcome to this process.

Investing in Investors

Located three blocks up the road from my apartment is the Honduras Spanish Institute. Its primary purpose is to provide Spanish language training for missionaries that have come to serve in Honduras and Central America. I have been invited to make a spiritual investment in the institute's staff and students. Twice a month I am leading the Honduran Spanish teachers in a time of reflection on God's word. Once a month I am sharing with the foreign Spanish students.

Please pray and join me in ministering to these dear people who are advancing God's Kingdom here in Honduras.

Our Gratitude

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