

Peter, Marissa and Jayden SIMPSON

Making Disciples Among the People of Honduras

December 2016

May you have a joyful

Christmas & a New Year
full of growth and blessing.

Thank you for participating with us our ministry through your **prayers, encouraging words and financial investment.** Marissa, Jayden and I are very grateful for **God's provision** through all who have partnered together with us.

The Kids

Still waiting for **Jayden's** legal abandonment to be finalized

I'm starting to get frustrated with the adoption process. At the beginning of 2016 I was pretty sure that the adoption would be finished before the year's end. Now, it's obvious that it won't be. In June and July we made leaps forward. But since then the process has been stagnant due to ridiculous oversight and negligence. At some point someone in the process decided that Jayden's age had to be verified. He was evaluated by a court appointed doctor and a report was sent. Three weeks went by without a response. Discouraged, I communicated with my lawyer to see if there were calls to be made or strings to be pulled. We were both perplexed as to why his age needed to be verified since he had a birth certificate. My lawyer called one of her contacts in Honduran Child Services. They were unaware that there was a birth certificate. That made no sense. It's in his case file. They HAVE his case file! Nevertheless, I had to hand deliver an official copy of his birth certificate to the regional office of Honduran Child Services.

Recently, the seemingly simple procedure of generating and sending copies of two legal documents from the capitol city to the court in Siguatepeque took more than a month. But finally, all the necessary documentation is in the courthouse in Siguatepeque awaiting for the court to act. Frustrating!

Thank you for your continued prayers and encouragement during all these years. You are a real blessing.

Marissa is struggling in her classes, but by and large is encouraged. Her areas of weakness from the past year are creating certain challenges. Please pray specifically for improvement in her understanding of and the correct pronunciation in both Spanish and English. Currently, I am looking for a good tutor that will help her advance in Spanish.

In mid-December she will perform with her ballet troupe in their annual production. She is very excited and is often prancing around the house.



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Ministry

I continue to invest some of my time in the teachers and students of a local Spanish institute. It has proven to be rather rewarding. This month I spent 3 days meeting with each of the students. They are new missionaries in different stages of their lives and in their adjustment to life outside of the States. It is an honor to provide some help to them in their journey, although, it was strange to realize that I am considered one of the old guys on the block.

I am one of the teachers of the adult Sunday School class at Bethel Church. We are studying the Gospel of Mark. The studies reflect upon his presentation of who Jesus is and its implications for every facet of life. We have had several productive discussions.

In August and again in October, I had the privilege of assisting in the visit of two gentlemen who came to teach in our Bible Institute strategy in southern Honduras. Through this program we are investing in the training of 34 pastors from 2 different regions.



Prayer Requests:

- Please continue to pray that the adoption will be completed soon. The closer we get to the end of the process the more difficult it is to wait.
- Please pray for Marissa's intellectual growth and success in school. May she make tremendous advances in her language development.
- Please pray for the personal growth and the active ministries of the pastors in our Bible Institute.
- Please pray for wisdom and creativity as I define the broad details of our ministry plans for 2017.

Our Gratitude

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