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Making Disciples Among the People of Honduras



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Recovering from our Accident: Finances and Logistics

On March 1 we were in a collision that flipped and totaled our car. Thankfully, no one had serious injuries. Regretfully, the accident was my fault. The other driver's car was insured. Ours was not.

Before the details could be resolved, Honduras went into shutdown due to COVID-19. The insurance company took 3 ½ months to communicate their decision to the other driver that they considered his car totaled but would not cover the accident. Consequently, the other driver asked me to honor the amount for which his car was insured, \$8,000. I agreed to those terms given that in doing so he would be selling me his car.

Thankfully, God has blessed us through several wonderful people. He provided over \$11,000. We have been able to purchase the car, pay for towing and impound fees and begin to repair the car. In case you were wondering, here in Honduras "Totaled" is not the end of the story. Labor is relatively cheap so the many hours required to restore a car are not prohibitively expensive. At this moment it looks like the remaining monies from the donations will be sufficient for repairing the car.

20-second summary

We are finally resolving the details of our car accident in March. COVID lockdowns delayed the process, but the generosity of our ministry partners has allowed me to fulfill my responsibility with the affected driver and will hopefully have us in a repaired car soon.

Many of you, our ministry partners, made financial investments which allowed us to provide food and hygiene assistance during 3 critical months to 65 families from churches where we serve around Siguatepeque.

World Reach missionaries from Colombia, Peru and Honduras are working together to create a pastoral training curriculum which will be distributed on micro sd cards. Peter has been editing the videos which accompany each lesson.



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We want to thank and honor God for his protection and provision during this process. We also thank many of you for your prayers and financial investment which have been practical expressions of God's goodness.

- The 12 people in the cars were protected from severe physical injury.
- Funds were provided for what was needed to fulfill my responsibility with the other driver.
- Funds have been provided for the repair of the car we purchased in that transaction.
- My brother-in-law has been a tremendous blessing. Fany's younger brother has lent us a car during this drawn out process. He accompanied me on 3 trips to the city where the accident occurred while I dealt with legal and logistical issues. He made the arrangements for repairing the car, dealing with the mechanics so I won't have to pay the higher price often charged to foreigners and checking up on them several times a week so that the work will get done. And, if that was not enough, he found a buyer for the car we were driving at the time of the accident. I had imagined that selling it was going to be a headache; but the day we bought it back to Siguatepeque it was sold!

This has been quite an ordeal with some worrying and much waiting. But God has shown us his goodness once again. Please join with us in thanking him.



Our old car was sold for parts.



The car that is being repaired.

COVID-Relief

In response to the pandemic, the Honduran government's stay-at-home orders have been stricter than those in the U.S. From March to June only very few businesses were allowed to operate and individuals without special permission were only allowed "out" once every 2 weeks. This meant that for some time many people were without work.

Several of you came alongside us to help those in need. Thanks to your generosity and that of other World Reach partners, we were able to provide food and hygiene assistance during 3 months to 65 families from churches where we serve around Siguatepeque.

The day I wrote this, public transportation began to resume without restrictions. And although the policy remains in place restricting who may be out every day, our city is as busy as it was normally. Even so, just as I suppose you are,



we are waiting to see what the long term impacts to the economy will be. Many of the families we serve live in precarious situations even in the best of times. Some of them have lost jobs.

Please pray for discernment and creativity as we attempt to be sensitive to God's leading and share his love with those in need.

Using Technology to Teach Pastors

In February our World Reach team in Honduras began teaching our leadership training curriculum in 3 new sites. We were excited about the opportunity to invest our lives in some 70 pastors and church leaders. And then, as you know, all travel and face-to-face group meetings stopped.

Undaunted, we began to make plans with our fellow World Reach missionaries in Colombia and Peru to adapt our curriculum to respond to the situation. While around the world many churches and educational strategies continue through Zoom and Facebook Live, those options are not available to the majority of the students we teach. Many of the pastors in rural areas either do not have access to a device or the bandwidth to be able to receive classes through those means.

So we are partnering with a ministry called One Hundred Fold to adapt our curriculum for distribution on micro sd cards which can be accessed on a smartphone. The task of creating the curriculum was divided up between 10 missionaries and volunteers. They created 24 lessons. Each lesson includes a study guide and a video. One of my tasks over the past months has been editing these videos.

We are just a couple weeks away from having the content ready. Then the tech specialists at One Hundred Fold will create an app for our curriculum and load it onto a couple hundred micro sd cards for distribution in Honduras, Colombia and Peru.

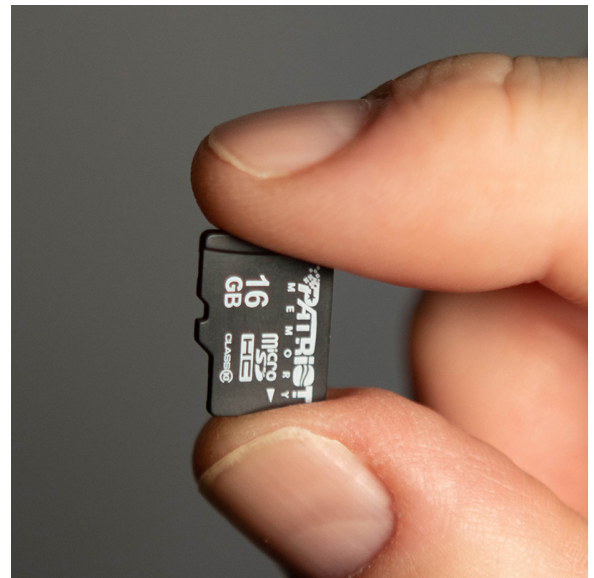
Please pray for me as I finish editing these videos. I am improving the audio quality of the recordings, removing mistakes and creating visuals to accompany the teaching. Each video involves at least 20 hours of work.

Please pray for a quick turn around with the tech specialists at One Hundred Fold.

Please pray for God to work in the lives of the pastors and church leaders who will study this material.



Much of the assistance was delivered by members of the local churches to maintain social distancing.



Micro SD card. We will use a 32GB card.

THANK YOU

Thank you for your continued partnership with us in this missions endeavor. Your prayers, words of encouragement and financial investment are ways that we serve God together in his great strategy for his church. May we honor our Lord together as we do this.

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