

PETER, FANY & KIDS **Simpson**

Making Disciples Among the People of Honduras

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ADOPTED



Marissa and Jayden are officially “Simpson”! Maileen and I received Marissa on January 16, 2008. She was 5 weeks old. Our initial steps in the process to adopt her occurred in the summer of 2008.

Four different lawyers have been involved in the process: 3 good ones and 1 that took us for about \$1000. But it is done!

I want to write “Thank you” in giant letters and yell at the top of my lungs with the biggest smile possible! THANK YOU!

Our family has been blessed by God through you, who are our friends and ministry partners. You have prayed and God opened seemingly impossible doors. You have shared encouraging words with us time and time again. Your emails, Facebook comments, hugs, firm handshakes and pats on the back have all been ways that God has strengthened us during this process. Thank you!

As I write this, it’s still all sinking in. I have been experiencing different emotions in differing degrees. My brother, Glenn, gave me a great analogy. It’s like when you carry too many grocery bags for too long and your fingers start to go numb. Then after you finally put them down the feeling starts to come back in waves. I want to laugh, yell and cry all at the same time.

Now we begin the process of their US citizenship. I am still investigating what that part of the process entails. I have been doing a lot of reading on the USCIS and State Department websites as well as communicating with fellow missionaries who are in similar circumstances. Please pray for God’s leading and provision in this process.

In the meantime, since their names were legally changed, we will get the kids new Honduran passports. They should still be able to travel on their current US visas. We are praying that we will be able to travel to the States sometime this year. Our last visit was 2017.

20-second summary

After so many years of prayers, red tape and waiting, Marissa and Jayden’s adoption is finalized. Now begins the process of their US citizenship.

Church teaching and pastoral training continues to occur virtually. Please pray that pastors and church leaders will grow through the study of the curriculum we are distributing via micro sd cards for telephones and tablets.

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You and I, and the rest of the team, train pastors

I've never been an armchair quarterback but I am now a desk-chair teacher. Those of us who are so accustomed to teach from behind the pulpit or podium have had to learn to deliver in front of the camera. For many it is not an easy transition.

Everyone's ministry has taken unexpected turns. I have been providing tips to my fellow pastors and missionaries and have been trying to show them how to produce teaching that is better suited for video.

We World Reach missionaries in Honduras, Colombia and Peru have had to change our strategy for training pastors. After several months of preparation, we are in the process of delivering a 6-month curriculum to many pastors and church leaders. We teamed up with the ministry One Hundred Fold which focuses on creating technology solutions to expand God's kingdom. They took the videos and written material that we produced and packaged it in an app.

One Hundred Fold reproduced the app on micro sd cards which can be accessed on a smart phone or tablet. Through the app pastors who have limited internet access due to financial or geographic reasons are able to continue their studies. Pastors in more urban areas can access the same curriculum on our ministry's online education platform.

Please pray for the success of this venture. Many pastors have been seeking ways to further their education, yet many are not accustomed to self-directed learning. For that reason, we are creating a strategy for connecting our students in the most remote areas with a tutor or teacher.

This endeavor is the work of many, including you as you pray for these pastors over the coming months. Thank you for working alongside us in this way.



Teaching an Easter message:
Jesus' resurrection means we need not
fear death.



These are 50 micro sd cards that will soon be in the hands and phones of 50 Honduran pastors and church leaders. One Hundred Fold's app is called "Mustard Seed." Pray that these tiny cards will bring great growth to these dear people and their churches.

Fany and I thank you for participating with us in ministry. The time you spend in prayer and your generous donations are an investment in God's kingdom. Without your support we could not do what we do here on the ground in Latin America.

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