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## FAMILY ESTRADA-GARCÍA MISSIONARIES IN HONDURAS

### Suffering is a reality of life

*And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast (1 Peter 5:10).*

I once heard the story of a man who was asked by God to push a large rock that was in his yard. For months, day after day, the man did so, but the rock did not move a millimeter. This caused him frustration and he asked God, "There is no point in pushing this rock every day, I have not been able to move it. Lord, what am I doing wrong?" Then the Lord replied, "Dear friend, I never asked you to move the rock. I only asked you to push it, which you did every day. Look at you now! Your arms and legs are strong. You are ready for the tasks I will give you in the future. So you didn't fail, you did just what I asked you to do. Now, let me move the rock!"

In the Bible we find that suffering is a reality in life. Being a believer will not remove us from difficult circumstances. However, we can count on two realities. First, that the God of all grace, who has given us His gifts and favors constantly, even though we do not deserve them, has committed Himself to be with us in the midst of adversity. Second, that the God of all grace has called us to be His sons and daughters, and to enjoy His glory eternally. This is incredible! To top it off, He Himself, has committed Himself to our growth and maturity of character that these trials produce. He will perfect us (make us mature), make us firm (stable), strengthen us (to withstand trial), and establish us (set us on a firm foundation).

Let us trust in the God of all grace!

### Honduras News

Honduras is currently going through a political year, in the month of November there will be presidential elections and this brings a number of uncertainties in the country. Regarding Covid-19, in general, there are places where the number of infections has decreased and others where it has increased, it is somewhat variable. However, everything is functioning normally under the measures of use of masks in almost all places. Several churches have started face-to-face meetings, some are in the process of holding monthly meetings, especially in large cities; in rural areas almost all have resumed face-to-face meetings. Regarding the educational area, public schools started a pilot test of small group meetings, and some private schools are starting pilot tests and others are still online. As in all countries, the pandemic has left a very critical economic situation. However, we continue to trust in God's power and control in every circumstance.



### Family News

We are very grateful to God for His faithfulness during these months. We share with you that, by God's mercy, the girls have finished and started one more year of home school. As a family we celebrated the closing of the school year for Eliana and Hana. Eliana finished sixth grade and started seventh grade and Hana finished fourth grade and started fifth grade. In the case of Ariadna, the youngest, she finished kindergarten and will start first grade in October. When we made the change to school at home we had many fears. After a year we can say that God has given us the wisdom to guide our daughters in their intellectual and personal development. We praise God!

God, by his grace, has given us good health. We are waiting for confirmation of a previous diagnosis that Angelina has been given about a possible glaucoma in her right eye.



We pray that God will show his purposes in this whole process. In Hector's case, thank God, he has been improving a lot with his sciatic nerve problem. Thank you so much for your prayers during the past months for our family, each day brings its own challenges and difficulties.



God is molding us day by day. He has taught us that every circumstance we go through is an instrument He uses to mold our character, to show what is really in our heart so He can guide us to where He wants us to go.

# Ministry activities

- On the World Reach online platform, we have been following up with our students enrolled in some of the courses. We are grateful to God for allowing us to have some students from the following countries: Panamá, Honduras, Cuba, Venezuela, USA, Colombia, Argentina, Belgium and México.
- We worked on the creation of a workshop "The reality of our heart", for the online platform of World Reach. It has had great acceptance and we have received messages from brothers who have been blessed and challenged in their hearts. <https://cursosenlinea.world-reach.org/index.php/courses/la-realidad-de-nuestro-corazon/>
- Angelina wrote lessons for youth adapting it from the material of the workshop "The Reality of our Heart". It has been shared with several pastors and youth leaders in Honduras and other countries. In addition, we thank Tara Schwacofer Barndt for her great support in the process of revising the lessons and Nancy Mckeeth who collaborated with the revision and translation of the material into English.
- God allowed us to share a special time on family with the brethren of the church "Roca de los Siglos", in Siguatepeque, Honduras. The workshop we shared was focused on the heart as the source of a healthy marriage and a God-guided upbringing.
- Subject matter development for the Mobie Bible Institute (MBI). We are involved with the international World Reach team in curriculum design and subject development for the MBI. We are currently working as a team with other World Reach missionaries in the development of the courses assigned to us.
- Héctor went out with the World Reach Honduras team to a village called Guascorán, with the purpose of sharing with them the 4 classes of the leadership school through the SD memories. Most of the inhabitants there are Lenca Indians. We are praying for the possibility of opening the IBM to the brothers of this locality, and in this way train the Christian leadership of this area to preach the Word of God.
- God has allowed us to share devotionals and teachings with various groups of leaders and youth. We also continue to be involved in discipleship development with women, leaders and pastors.
- In the month of October, the last course of the Bible School for Leaders (EBL) will be starting. Leaders from various parts of Honduras are participating in this course.



*Thank you very much for being part of our team, your prayers strengthen us to continue. All the achievements and ministry advances are really met thanks to the team that God has allowed us to form with all of you, everyone working on their part. Thank you very much for supporting us in different ways.*



## We ask for your prayers for:

- May God guide the efforts to prepare the new subjects for IBM and may God expand the opportunities to reach more leaders and pastors.
- For our daughters, their development as people, their physical and spiritual growth. May they be able to take advantage of their study time.
- For the health of our family.
- For God to guide each online course and expand the opportunities to reach more places.
- May God open the doors for the translation of some of the online materials of World Reach into Turkish.

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