



Helping Honduran pastors grow and minister by providing them with training

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## Investing in Honduran leaders

I am grateful to God for the many opportunities that he has provided for our World Reach-Honduras team and me to train pastors and church leaders over the past months.

We are excited to see God open doors for new opportunities to teach. In March, difficulties with an airline provided the occasion for World Reach team members to help a Honduran pastor and his family at the Atlanta airport. Through that contact God has opened doors for us to train pastors and church leaders with the Centro Cristiano Internacional family of churches here in Honduras. We had our first conference with them during the last weekend in May.

On June 3, I taught a group of 37 pastors and church leaders in the city of Choluteca in the southernmost part of Honduras. The 6-hour class was an introductory course in Hermeneutics with the objective of helping students better study the Bible for themselves. This course is one of 10 classes in our School for Leaders curriculum.

On June 10, I was supposed to travel to Peru to teach at two different sites over two weeks. My brother Jon and I were to team teach classes in Apologetics and Hermeneutics. But I had to cancel that trip due to a family emergency. On June 5, Lucy Esperanza, Maileen's mother, passed away. So Marissa, Jayden and I travelled to Georgia to accompany our family there for the memorial service. Then we stayed for a couple weeks more to accompany Sol, Maileen's dad. He has limited mobility and will now live alone, so we helped him clean and organize parts of his house.

Fany and the other two children stayed in Honduras, fortunately they were accompanied by Kelly, my sister-in-law. We had made the arrangement for her to be with my family during my trip to Peru. So that made our family's separation a little easier.

Please pray for God's peace and strength for Sol Esperanza. Please pray for wisdom and guidance to know how to help care for him given that he will now live alone and we are so far away.



Above: Teaching at Centro Cristiano Internacional







37 pastors and church leaders in my class in Choluteca

On July 22, I traveled to the village of El Tablazon to meet with a group of 41 Lenca pastors and church leaders. The Lenca are the largest indigenous group in Honduras and descendants of the Maya. The great majority of the Lenca live in a remote mountainous area in southwestern Honduras. Many of their smaller villages are only accessible by foot, mule and perhaps a motorcycle.

Our World Reach team in Honduras is working together with Lenca pastors to plant churches and build church buildings in communities that do not have congregations. Please come alongside us in prayer. Please ask God to provide the resources necessary to continue to share the gospel and strengthen the church among the Lenca.

Please pray that God would provide more monthly donors for our personal support. A couple years ago I had to take a cut in salary due to decreased donations. With current inflation, that is making it increasingly difficult and we have had to exclude important expenses such as health insurance to make ends meet.

We are extremely grateful to have you as our ministry partners. The time that you invest in prayer and the investment of your financial resources is an indispensable part of the ministry here in Honduras. Thank you for serving alongside us in this way.

*Peter & Jany*

41 Lenca pastors and church leaders in El Tabalzon



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