

#### The Journey of Faith



All believers have been inspired by the biblical examples of men and women of faith. Among them, we remember Abraham, who is considered the father of faith. God called Abram to follow Him in Genesis 12 and he responded in obedience leaving his land, his family, and all that he knew. Also, Abram received the promise of being blessed in order to be a blessing to all the families of the earth. All of us who have read this story know that the way of faith for this man of God was not like a straight line in a large valley, but more like a narrow, steep, and winding path. Abram made good and bad decisions in the process and had to deal with the consequences. God was patient with him and always showed him His grace and favor. Through his mistakes, God always carried out His plan, not only for Abram, but also for the lives of all of his descendants.

In our own personal and family journey of faith, we have found ourselves in situations

very similar to Abram. We have received the call to leave our comfort zone with all that it entails. Like Abram, in our humanity we make decisions that take us two steps forward, and sometimes 3 steps back. In all of this, we can see how God deals with us, showing us His grace and favor.

There is a truth that always brings us encouragement and it is knowing that in this journey of faith, we are not alone. God has promised to be with us. His grace is our travel companion, because He covers us and embraces us during our pilgrimage. Making decisions in faith is not easy, and not deciding to do something in faith isn't easy either.

How is your faith journey working out for you in recent days? Have you found yourself needing to move forward or perhaps go back on your path? Remember, the journey of faith is not easy, but we haven't been invited to walk it alone. First of all, God's presence will always be with you, and He has also placed others to accompany you and encourage you in the process.

How is our Family?

During her last visit to the endocrinologist, Alisson received very good news. Her lab tests reported a very encouraging change in her health. It is very possible that by her next visit in September, she will be taken off of a medication she has been taking since her pregnancy with Ellie Sophia. Glory to God! Taking Christ to the Nations

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Ian Andres finished 5th grade with great success and is now enjoying his vacation. As is his custom, he has written a wish list for his vacation. Some wishes are as simple as "eating a donut". Others require a little more planning like having a picnic as a family.

Ellie Sophia is still very restless as is her habit. Every day she surprises us with saying new words and doing her activities.

Abner visited the nutritionist and internist to receive a pre-surgical evaluation and received very good news. Many values that were different not only went down, but were completely regulated. The surgery had been scheduled for June 12th, but not all of the necessary conditions were in place. We will continue waiting for a new date, but above all, we will be attentive to what God wants to do with Abner's health.

#### Promoter for Honduras & Central America of World Reach's Training Initiatives & Programs:

Abner has been doing work for promoting World Reach's training programs, both at the Bible School for Leaders, and at the Mobile Bible Institutes. Currently, Abner has joined with the brothers of the "El Discípulo" Bible Institute, which operates in a small village on the border between Guatemala and Chiapas, Mexico. In November, Dr. Brad Taylor and Abner will each teach a class and promote the Mobile Bible Institutes with the directors and students of this program.



The Coalition for Pastoral Training in Honduras:

Abner has met virtually several times with the other coordinators of this new coalition. They are currently working on the mission statement, vision, purposes, and strategies. Please pray that this coalition will be an instrument that God uses to reduce the number of untrained pastors and leaders in our country.



# Bible Study Group:

Every Wednesday, we take a short trip to the community of El Porvenir where we study the Bible with a small group of brothers and sisters. We encourage them to invite others to join the group and also to witness to others about their faith. In one of our last meetings, a sister invited three children who are her siblings. They prayed the prayer of faith to receive Christ as the Lord and Savior of their lives.



### Mission Trip<sup>:</sup>

As a family, we joined the efforts of our local church and traveled to the community of Quesuntega in Guajiquiro La Paz. Alisson taught a Bible lesson to the children and also gave them dental care. Abner gave general teaching to the believers on how to do house-to-house evangelism.



### Women's Bible Study:

Alisson began her Bible study meetings with a sister from our local church. They are using the Precept materials to study the Scriptures together. Alisson is praying that more women can join in this time.



## Bible Club:

There have been some changes in the administration of the Guillermina del Cid School in Paso Hondo. A couple of months ago, the director retired and a young teacher was appointed. We thank God that despite these changes, our work through the Bible Club remains strong. The new director told us that the outgoing director highly recommended our work and told her that we really loved the children. Of course, this has filled us with joy, and at the same time we are committed to move forward. Please pray for the believers who are willing to come serve with us in a Vacation Bible School.





# Training Opportunities:

Alisson has been involved in taking some courses related to emotional health. She received an introductory course and also another course where she was certified as an apprentice facilitator. She will soon be scheduling a couple of trainings to help some churches and ministries. There are many people with deep emotional wounds, and we believe that it is necessary that there be individuals who are trained to listen, accompany, and minister to these people.



Blessings, The Mejías

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