

INTERNATIONAL MISSION BUILDERS

BUILDING GOD'S KINGDOM AND BUILDING BELIEVER'S THROUGH MISSION INVOLVEMENT

2017 IN REVIEW

As He has been so good to do, God has continued to be faithful to us and the ministry in Honduras in 2017. It has been a hard year, both in ministry and in our personal lives. June 2018 will be 9 years that we have been in Honduras! It is not always easy and there are many struggles but we love where God has us and the people that He has allowed us to serve. We have had many different groups this year; we were able to visit schools, put roofs and floors in houses, medical clinic, build a church, and host a pastors/leaders conference!

The church that we were able to be a part of building this year was for a pastor (Pastor Arlis) who started a Bible study in a home two years ago where he was meeting with only two people. They have since outgrown the house they were meeting in. They are a body of believers who are faithful and have a desire to learn and grow in God's Word.

Please continue to pray for the Mission Builder Team (Tommy, Nancy, Armando, Ledubina, Ruben, George and Kara). There have been some changes to the team this year with Jarman and Karina leaving but we are grateful for their service to Mission Builders and we pray that God will bless them as they follow God's leading.

Ruben is doing great, still working hard. Please pray for him, his wife and their children. His oldest daughter had a baby and he is doing great!

Armando and Ledubina have been such a blessing. They continue to work with the kids around the property and Armando helps George lead the Bible Studies in the different communities. Please continue to pray for them as they grow in the Word and are obedient in the work that God has for them.

As we mentioned, it has been a hard year....

One of our group members received the worst news you can imagine while she was in Honduras serving. She is a strong woman who trusts in God and we ask that you continue to pray for her and her family.

Armando had a bad truck accident and a man passed away. It was a very difficult time for the family and Armando but he was able to talk to the family and

have peace with them.

Our Aunt Mary passed away after a hard fight with cancer. She was an amazing woman and we miss her still everyday.

It was hard through all of this, to see God. To see how He was working and to understand why. It is still hard. In last year's newsletter we wrote, "It's not always easy or clear to see God's plan but like the old hymn says, 'when darkness hides his lovely face, I rest in His unchanging grace'. We can look back and see over and over again how God has continually been faithful to His Word. And we have to trust that grace".

We are holding onto this even as we start a fresh new year.

We can't say thank you enough to those who have supported us; through financial giving, coming on trips and in prayer. You have been such a blessing to us and we are grateful. Thank you for being a part of what God is doing in Honduras. We ask that you will pray for us that we will be obedient to God and follow Him as He leads us to serve in the communities. Please pray for the people who we will serve this year. Pray that in everything we do, God alone will be glorified.

George and Kara



Kid's getting shoes at Los Patios

There's not a lot I can add to what George and Kara have written. While I was reading their post, several thoughts came to mind.

Things are always the same

First, sometimes we get comfortable in living our lives. You know routine day to day living. We get up at the same time, slave over little Johnny's pop tarts, leave for work at the same time, drop little Johnny off at school, work the same job, see the same people, talk about the same things, come home around the same time, hopefully eat dinner around the same time, take little Johnny to practice, bathe little Johnny and then finally go to bed, all around the same time. Then why should there be a question on Sunday if we are going to church or not?

Hyperbole: exaggeration for effect, not meant to be taken literally

(Husband) Do you think we can make it on time? (Wife) I don't know. (Wife) What time does church start anyway? (Husband) I don't know. (Husband) do you think what's his name will be preaching today? (Wife) I don't know - what is his name anyway? (Husband) I don't know. (Wife) You know it's freezing outside today (Husband) That I do know (Wife) Little Johnny has the sniffles also (Wife) I do know that. (Wife) After about an hour and thirty minutes those seats get pretty uncomfortable. (Husband) And the music is always too loud (Husband and Wife) Don't we know it. Let's go somewhere we can enjoy ourselves.

Hyperbole or Truth?

Then Things Change

George and Kara mentioned that 2017 was a very difficult year. Tragedies happened, illnesses to deal with, family and friends passing, relationships, and the reality of growing older. We could not have made it through without a Loving God, a risen Savior, and a Ministering Spirit.

God is Sovereign. If we are a child of His, all things have a purpose. God knows our hearts and He knows the hurts of our heart. I believe God wants us to search and know for certain what is in our own hearts and be honest with ourselves. Then we can know who our Faith is truly in. Even when THINGS CHANGE. Hebrews 10:19-25

In love, Brother Tommy



Teaching at Senior Citizen Home



Pastors conference at El Cerron



Ladies bible study at the dorm



VIP church build near Yamaranguila