

News from Debbie Lane and the Harvest Fields of

# HONDURAS



Dear Friends and Prayer Warriors,

Where do I begin? It was **SO** evident that so many of you were praying for my trip! God's protection and blessings have been the undeniable evidence of the many prayers that went up in my behalf!

My trip to Texas during the last of November was **such** a blessing. Even though I was not able to visit all the supporting churches that I wanted to visit, God blessed in a mighty way with those with whom I was privileged to spend a little time. Pleasantview Baptist of Arlington, who invited me to come and speak at their annual Women's Christmas banquet, not only bought my ticket to Texas, but they also poured blessing after blessing on me while I was there! I also got to visit a little with my sisters and a few of my husband's family. But my time with them was somewhat limited because some were having health issues at the time.

I left Texas for Honduras on December 11. What a joy it was to be able to spend Christmas with my son, Brandon, and his family in San Matias. They stay unbelievably busy as they continue with construction and work at the Christian Conference Center there. They also help out at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Danli, where missionary Jason Tate is the pastor.

Jason Tate (whom I have know since he was a little boy in our church and school in Tacoma, WA) and his dear family are doing a wonderful work! And my dear brothers and sisters at Bethlehem Baptist were so warm and welcoming!!

The last of December, Bro. Hotir and his wife, Marta, made the trip from La Esperanza to San Matias to help my son with some of the electrical needs at the conference center. After completing the work, I rode with them back to La Esperanza, where my husband and I lived and worked for 20 years. (2019 was the last time I was able to visit in La Esperanza!) Every day Hotir and Marta drove me from place to place to visit with long time friends and pastors, and also those who had attended our church when we were there. My Sunday School "kids" are now grown and many have children of their own! It was such a blessing to see those who have remained faithful and especially those who are in ministry now.

Visiting the mountain works among the Lenca Indians was a whole new adventure because the bridge is still out. Even though they are beginning construction of a new bridge, only God knows **if** or **when** it will be completed. The Lenca people have made a rough road down the cliffside and made a temporary bridge to get across the river. But that has been taken out a couple of times by mud slides. When the rainy season hits, the river will possibly wipe out that route as well.

The first Sunday we tried to visit the mountain works vehicles were not able to cross. So we parked the truck and walked across the makeshift bridge and up the mountains for about 1 1/2 hours, uphill all the way! We finally made it to Ojo de Agua, our first church among the Lenca. What a blessing to visit with some of our people there! The following Sunday we were able to drive across and make the 2 hour trip to our furthest work in Naranjito! Our return trip included stops at our work in San Lorenzo, again in Ojo de Agua, and a quick visit to a new work that our people have begun in the small community of La Vega. It was an amazing, but an exhausting day! I can't believe that Mike and I used to make that 2 hour trip every Sunday for 15 years! But what a blessing to see that the "seeds" that God allowed us to plant, are still flourishing and reaching out to new communities!!! And it was with mixed feelings and tears that I left Honduras on January 19th.

There is so much more that I would love to share if there were time and space to do so! It was a trip full of hugs, tears and blessings galore!!! And YOU, dear faithful supporters, have had a part in it all!!! "Thank You" does not even begin to express what I feel in my heart! God bless you all!!!

For the King until His soon return,

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