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## *February Update*



*February may be the shortest month of the year, but boy was it jam-packed!*

*For me, last month had a very evident theme of community. Seeking community, enjoying community, new community, old community, learning in community, teaching in community. The whole nine yards.*

*When I was in the states in December, one thing I heard repeatedly was that I need to find real community here. American community. Not that there is anything wrong with Honduran community, but there is a sense of peace and deep need that is filled when one finds community with like-minded and like-cultured people. I have fantastic Honduran community, and I knew it was still true, and necessary, to find that American community as well.*

*It gets lonely on the missionary field sometimes. This is not a surprise to report or, I am sure, to hear. Community is necessary to complete the assignment that the Lord has given me here in Honduras, whether I can admit that or not. So, I prayed for community. God is so good to His children, and He WANTS to give us good, positive fellowship. So, of course He answered my prayer.*

*A couple of weeks into February, I took a bus to Siguatepeque, a town about 2 hours north of me, to go to a retreat for the Honduran Fellowship of Missionaries and Ministries (HFMM). The retreat is free for all members and is a 3-day event designed to serve, refresh, renew, and reconnect (or connect for the first time) missionaries around Honduras. At the retreat I was able to network, share my current ministry and future ideas, learn useful tools for ministry, hear the word of God, and worship with fellow missionaries. It was incredible! (Picture above of all missionaries present)*

*Through the retreat, I met a woman named Michelle who invited me to coffee and, eventually, invited me to her Bible Study on Tuesday mornings with other English-speaking ladies.*

*This past week I went to the Bible Study for the first time. Of course, it was spectacular. When God answers prayer, He doesn't mess around. From the first minutes of the study, I knew it was a great fit. The group has just started the Beth Moore study of James, and I have jumped right in! Sharon, my 'boss' will also be joining in the study, connecting my tiny worlds here. Praise God for answered prayer and a community of believers from whom I can learn, laugh, find comfort, and have fellowship!*

*On a different note, I visited the jail twice this past month to see the boy. The first time was, well, a bit of a disaster. To explain, I will give a little bit of backstory. The main jail in Honduras is in Tamara, a town right next to Ciudad Espana (where I live). It houses all adult infractors, both male and female. Additionally, it has a department for minors called Renacer. The jail where I teach is actually in Tegucigalpa, and is technically called a prevention center for minors. It houses only minors who are members of the 18th street gang. The weekend of the retreat, there was a fight in Renacer. The 18th street gang attacked*

*another local gang, killing two young people and injuring 15. After the fight, 10 of the leaders from Renacer were moved to the jail where I teach, and 10 of the calm boys from the prevention center were moved to Renacer.*

*When I went to the jail the first time this month, it was just after this switch was made. Within 24 hours of the switch, there was a riot in the jail. Two boys were wanting to go to the hospital for what they thought was food poisoning, and the police refused to take them. Angry for having their rights denied, the boys broke the locks on their cells and all of the others, broke the doors, and smashed the glass on the guards' post. When I had arrived, it was just hours after the fact. I was not allowed in to be with the boys; I was only allowed to see them through a small hole in the wall. The young ones (14 years old) looked scared and nervous, knowing that the backlash from the military police would go straight to them. With little in my power to do, I prayed for them and left.*

*Last week, I tried again. This time, the locks were in the process of being repaired, and the boys were all back in their cells. I was able to go in and walk around to each cell to meet with the boys. What a beautiful reunion! Due to a police-enforced time crunch, I was only able to spend about an hour inside, but I spoke to each of the boys, catching up with the 'old' ones and meeting the 'new' ones for the first time. They greeted me like you would greet an old friend, a pastor, a mother. What favor that I have been given to minister to them! I asked if they are still open to my visiting the jail, and there was a resounding 'yes.' Because of my other engagements, I am still working on the schematics, but I will be continuing to go. I am also in the process of obtaining a curriculum that teaches English while also teaching the Gospel. Thank you to those who have prayed for this ministry! Again, God answers prayer!*

*We have officially started a campaign on gofundme for donations for the coffee shop. Currently, we have \$1,125. As you all know, we have a long way to go, but I am faithful that God will provide. Although it was not my focus for this newsletter, the gears are turning each day for the coffee shop: building plans, finances, potential mission groups to help build, etc. If you would like to help specifically on this project, donations can be made directly on the gofundme page:*

*<https://www.gofundme.com/wwz73wrw?>*

*[utm\\_source=internal&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=body\\_photo&utm\\_campaign=upd\\_n](https://www.gofundme.com/wwz73wrw?utm_source=internal&utm_medium=email&utm_content=body_photo&utm_campaign=upd_n).*

*Please keep in mind that these donations are separate from my personal support.*

*In order to incorporate and apply for federal tax-deduction, we are looking for \$875. Please consider helping us reach that goal so that we may move forward as a registered non-profit!*

*Thank you all for reading, supporting, and walking with me. I am blessed to be a part of all of your lives and to partner with each one of you! Each of you is so precious to me as a financial partner, prayer partner, and as a faithful reader.*



*If you have not already, I encourage you to consider signing up for a monthly donation if you are contemplating a financial partnership. Funds go directly towards ministry: outreach, NGO start-up, rent, food, daily ministry, and ultimately opening the coffee shop.*

*A huge Thank You to those who have signed up recently to be monthly donors, as well as to those who have sent one-time donations in the past month to cover the gaps in monthly support! You are all wonderful!*

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*In His name,*

*Jen*



In the beginning of February, I took a trip to Talanga with Sharon to meet with Gracie. Gracie gave us a crash-course on ministry financials. Thanks to her



Last week we were blessed by a visit from Cristopher, one of the young men I met while



Before the retreat, I met with Mark Fittz, founder of Hope Coffee in Honduras. They have a coffee shop in Siguatepeque, so it was a one-stop-shop for

willingness to give up her own time, I now feel confident in doing the financials for the coffee shop. Gracie also showed me the necessary steps to transfer the NGO from the states (once it is founded) to Honduras so that we are honoring God in our legality.

A day of community, learning, and preparing for the future.

Gracie even blessed us with a pork chop lunch and chocolate to ease our financial fears.

We are ready to go!

living at Zion's Gate. In Honduras, Cristopher is the closest thing I have to a brother, so his presence is always welcomed! He stayed during a busy week for me, but we were able to share in our plans for the future, delicious dinners, and visits to local families. He is even wanting to visit the jail with me to participate in ministry. Horray for community!

networking. Mark encouraged me with his own story and the set-up of Hope in Siguatepeque. I left the meeting with new ideas, a refreshed vision, and renewed faith for this big dream that is the coffee shop in Ciudad Espana. Also, we will be officially partnering with Hope Coffee, using their locally-grown coffee in our own coffee shop both in our drinks and for retail sale.

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