

NEW CHURCH PLANT

When God called us to Honduras, He gave us a vision to help build strong Christian Community.

After we began the Manna Feeding Project in the village of Tatumbula, Marsha began to pray about beginning a women's ministry. Then one day while delivering food to the school in the Cofradia area, the mothers approached her and asked her if she would teach them the Bible. She told them to tell her when and where and she would be happy to! They began meeting weekly in the home of one of the mothers. The "LaVida Zoe Women's Ministry" was birthed, and she began to teach the ladies what it means to live the abundant life in Christ (John 10:10). It is so exciting to see them learn and grow in the Lord by hearing the Word and applying it to their lives. The leaders from a neighboring church in the village of Linaca, Tatumbula were amazed that God had opened the door for ministry in the Cofradia area. They had been trying for many years to reach this area for Christ but were met with a lot of opposition due to the gang and drug activity in the area!!! In 2020, right before the pandemic, a new church plant in Cofradia was started by Bro. Rolando, one of the pastors from the church in Linaca. Hope for the World came alongside them in helping with chairs, sound equipment, computer, projector, screen, Bibles, children's Sunday School material and also helping to serve in preaching and discipleship. It has been amazing to hear how many souls have been saved and how lives have been freed from gangs, drugs and alcohol!! The church started out renting the Community Center in the village to hold their church meetings. The church began growing extremely fast and before long it was packed out, and could barely keep enough chairs! Right after their 1st anniversary celebration, a lady who held the keys to the Community Center, informed them that they could no longer meet in the building! Needless to say this lady and her husband strongly oppose the Gospel Church in the village. The church family began to pray and search for property in the nearby area to possibly purchase to construct their own building. Then low and behold the property that directly connects to the Community Center where they had been meeting became available. The man who sold the church the property testified that he had always said he would not sell land to a Gospel Church, but he had seen what a difference the church has made in his community, Glory to God, and that he had changed his mind! Thanks to the Lord the church was able get a bank loan to purchase the property for a future building! Pastor Rolando said that they could keep them from meeting in the Community Center, but that nothing could stop God's Church! So from that point they began meeting in the streets and the yards of people's homes until the church can be built.

Even after the schools were shut down and we were evacuated back to the states due to the pandemic, we continued the Manna Project by sending food to the people of Tatumbula. The Pastors and their families partnered with the ministry and distributed the food to the families throughout the community. Pastor Rolando has shared testimony after testimony of how God in His providence, used the food ministry to open the doors for him to be able to go into the homes and share Christ with many during such a difficult time. One testimony was when he was a young boy, he had to cut the toes out of his shoes when his feet would grow, because his family was too poor to buy him new ones. He grew up in the Tatumbula area, and there nearby was a lady who would take him in and feed him when he was hungry. He had not seen this lady for many years, but one day while he was delivering food low and behold he ended up at her home! He said God had brought everything full circle by allowing him to take food to this lady who had fed him so many times when he was hungry! Not only did they embrace each other and have a special reunion, but he was



able to share Jesus with her and lead her to salvation! Then came the news 6 weeks later that she had died, but what assurance that we know she is now alive with Christ!!

We went back to Honduras in April of this year, and what a blessing it was to see and participate in the church services! The people are being taught about communion, fasting, tithing, serving and baptism. The people of the church went way up the mountain to a river where Larry was able to assist in 24 baptisms! What an honor it was to be there and witness such an outpouring of the Holy Spirit!

They have begun weekly discipleship classes to help raise up strong leaders in the church. Children and youth activities are on-going. The ministry has provided the young people with youth-age study Bibles. They are learning how to look up scripture by chapter and verse, things that we can tend to take for granted. And we were able to help with a day set aside for the children, complete with games, Bible stories, songs and ice cream!! Larry was able to share the gospel and distribute salvation bracelets, and 15 children gave their hearts to Jesus!!

The church began to fast and pray and God has heard the prayers of His people! A church in Paducah, Kentucky has a vision to come alongside them to help construct a church building over the next three years! God is so faithful!! He has encouraged and increased the faith of so many by giving them eyes to SEE Him at work on behalf of the Church! To God Be The Glory!!!

UPDATES:

The fence and gate on the HFTW property in El Rodeo has now been completed! We did have some water drainage issues but thankfully those have been repaired as well!! The contractors hope to begin construction on the **"Hope for the World High School"** in September, and we are beyond EXCITED!!

Also, during our time in Honduras, the ministry house that we rented in Tatumbla began to have some major leaking problems during some heavy rains causing significant damage. Before we came back to the states on July 28, we had no alternative but to move out. We had to move all of our furniture to homes and buildings in the village for safe keeping. We have been presented the opportunity to build a ministry house in a new gated community in the Cofradia area of Tatumbla which by the way is in walking distance to the new church plant, and right in the center of Tatumbla. We are in the process of working with the contractor and with the bank in Honduras for a loan. Our vision is for the ministry to always have a place to house teams and to also be close to the ministry projects. It will also be a permanent place to ensure the future of the ministry. The house is approximately \$96,000 plus closing cost. Thanks to the Lord He has already provided all the closing cost, and about \$10,000 for the down payment! We are praying that God will supply the remaining \$86,000 according to His will. Whether it will be through the bank, or through His people! **GOD WILL MAKE A WAY!**

We barely made it back to the states before our first "Great Grandson" was born! River Heath King was born on August 5th weighing 6lbs and 9 ounces! What a blessing!!!

We love you all and could never thank you enough for all your love, prayers, and support for us and this ministry!



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