



# INFECTIOUS MISSION *The Maradiaga Family*

*Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to all!*

We are so thankful for the busy year we have had. 2025 was a great year. We have all grown (spiritually) as a family and church, and we are thankful for the body of Christ that surrounds us and builds us up. We are thankful for all of you who sustain us and give sacrificially to keep us here in Honduras, showing the love of Jesus to those around us.

At the beginning of the year, we had a meeting with our local church leaders to make plans for the year - evangelism in our community, youth events, Sunday school, and even several church wide fasts. Right now, we are praying for the presidential election here on November 30th. Many say it will be very pivotal for Honduras, and there likely will be protests and riots afterwards, like there were in 2017. We are grabbing some extra food and will fill up our cars with gas at the end of the month, just in case. Many of you remember we got stuck in the middle of the protests eight years ago with Samantha (just a year old then) trying to make it to the States for Christmas. **Please pray with us for this presidential election, for God to lead, and please pray against fraud.**

After 15 years of being in charge of the lab at the hospital, we finally have the lab registered. In March of this year, the hospital hired a Honduran Medical Technologist, Bessy Rivera, who graduated in June. We were able to register the lab under her name and license. **Praise God for His timing and provision!**



Two pastors from another part of Honduras visited our church at the end of May to do another couples retreat with 14 couples. Many were local married couples, and some who had marriage problems. **Please pray that these meetings are a blessing to them and their marriages.**

Thank you for giving toward the purchase of another used vehicle after our very scary car fire in the middle of the night. We bought one this summer before we went to the States, and left it for the children's home transportation to go back and forth to church while we were gone. We found a double-cab truck for a good price, and it has been a blessing to us and our church already. **Praise the Lord for His provision!**



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We celebrated several Quinceañeras with the Sanctuary Children's home this year, and Danely's baptism. After Danely was baptized, she started laughing uncontrollably. The joy of the Lord has been her strength. She has advanced Xeroderma Pigmentosum, and she may not have much time left with us, even after lots and lots of surgeries. **Please pray for Danely.** We also celebrated Johana's Sweet 16 in July on the beach with lots of her friends and family. Our kids started school in September with new uniforms, and Johana just finished her 10th-grade year at the beginning of November. She got to march in the Independence Day parade on September 15th, carrying the Honduran flag.



Karla is a friend we have known for many years, not really well, but she has come to our church on and off for the last 14 years or so. I searched for her husband's phone number one day since he was doing some work for a friend. She said she really needed to talk to me, that she needed an appointment at the hospital.

She was full-term pregnant, needed a C-section, and hadn't been to the hospital the entire pregnancy. I got her an appointment for the following day since our Labor and Delivery was going to close temporarily for two weeks because of no surgeon available. The next day, she wrote to say she wasn't going to her appointment, so I offered to pick her up and take her. After lunch, the doctor told me that Karla's baby had died and had no heartbeat. They planned a C-section for the following day. She asked me for pictures of her baby when he was born, and hoped that the ultrasound was wrong and her baby was still alive. Sadly, her baby passed away, and we were there to help her, grieve with her, and bury her baby with her family. Funerals here are very different. Since cadavers aren't prepared, burial is within 24 hours of death. **Please continue to pray for Karla, who continues to grieve the loss of her last child.**



Another pregnant patient that I insisted go to the hospital was 12 days past her due date and had already had a stillborn baby many years ago. Thankfully, she came to the hospital with me and she had a healthy baby girl after three boys. As you can see, many wait until it's too late to come to the hospital due to finances. We try to help as much as possible. **Thank you for making it possible to help Karla and many others.**

In July, we went to Wilmore, KY for Cornerstone International's Summit, the conference they host for all their missionaries every 5 years. It was a great time of meeting new missionaries, catching up, going to a family wedding, and being refreshed to continue in ministry. We didn't get to meet with many of you while we were there since we were traveling.



We would love to see as many people as we can in December. We will be in the States from December 14th -January 1st (Lord willing). Please let us know when you have time available to meet. We would also love to share with your Sunday school class or small group about what we are doing. We plan to be mainly in Georgia, but can travel if needed. **Pray for Johana since she can't travel with us.**

**Have a blessed Christmas season, remembering our Savior who has rescued us and restored us to new life in Him.**

*Love,*

*Christine, Calix, Samantha, Lucas, & Levi*

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