



# A Hope and A Future

*The Johnson Family*

## *Greetings & Happy Spring!*

Recently, we shared the story of Stephen, from the book of Acts, with the ministry kids and youth at the GiveHope2Kids (GH2K) campus in Urraco. As I processed the well-known story, I was reminded of Stephen being empowered with courage and forgiveness by the Holy Spirit. Stephen was bold in sharing the truth when being quiet could have saved his life. He chose forgiveness and full surrender to Jesus, even while the stones were pelting his body. There is something so captivating about a 'life laid down for truth', and the ripple effect it has. Clearly, then, Saul was primed for his radical conversion as he witnessed the incredible martyrdom of Stephen. We invited the children to consider how God may use them to bring the Gospel to others. Perhaps some day the Lord will call one, or several of them, to be His ambassadors in a foreign land or in their own. I hope none of them face such persecution, but **I do hope that the stories of laid-down-lives inspire each of us to take up our cross daily and follow Him.**



Although Honduras is not hostile towards Christians, the enemy is hostile towards all things holy. We see him working through trauma, abuse, violence, poverty, and corruption. No matter where we are, the powers of darkness delight in carrying out the schemes of the enemy. Stephen's murder was evil indeed, but the goodness of our Lord shone through, and here we are, thousands of years later, reading about his faith, courage, and radical forgiveness; and there is so much light! **Even though our world is raging with evil and darkness, the light is radiating, illuminating, and loosening scale-covered eyes.** In our corner of the world, we will continue sharing stories of truth and hope, and ask that little hearts will be inspired to make a great impact, to have contagious faith, and to boldly proclaim the truth. We will also continue to ask the Holy Spirit to transform us and empower us to be more like Jesus. If you haven't recently, I encourage you to take a moment and read the story of Stephen in Acts 6-7 and let the Holy Spirit remind you of His immense

## *What We've Been Up To . . .*

In December, we celebrated Christmas with everyone in GH2K. It was a big, beautiful celebration. **Thanks to a generous donation, GH2K purchased Bibles for all of the teens, and also some appliances for the family homes.** We spent a day in Las Brisas (where we used to live), enjoying time with the Pacheco family and passing out food to the local families. We also gave them Bibles, including study Bibles, for them to gift to local pastors and church leaders during their upcoming pastors' conference. While our kids were on school break, we took a little trip to El Salvador. We had a great time swimming in the Pacific Ocean, hiking a volcano, and eating yummy pupusas.



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In January, **19 people from Faith church came and put on a VBS-like camp for all the ministry kids.** We had wonderful worship and great sermons each evening. During camp, the foster parents were gifted with several nights away to relax and recharge. The camp was a lot of work, but even more fun!



In February, Revolution 5 Leadership Institute (Rev 5) from Colorado came for 10 days. They ministered in several local schools, to those in GH2K, and also to our family. Thanks to Ben's planning, they took all the young people on a rigorous hike above a waterfall. Rev 5 used the challenging experience to share personal testimonies and encourage the teens on the hike. They also spent time in prayer for the students and taught them how to hear God's voice for one another. This was a very special time for Ben because this institution is similar to the one we met in, and we are friends with the leaders, who used to be our leaders. **If you know a young person who has or will soon graduate from high school and is looking for a gap year program to grow in their faith and identity in Christ, please check out [www.Rev5.org](http://www.Rev5.org).** We truly cannot recommend this program enough!



Our sweet Haven has been asking about being baptized. While out on the Cayos Cochinos islands with Rev 5 and my parents, **Haven was baptized, making her faith public.** We are so proud of her and her surrendered heart to Jesus!



## *Big Transitions*

At the end of February, we moved out of the group home on the GH2K campus into the city of La Ceiba. We are now much closer to our children's school, our church, and shopping. We are also 30 minutes closer to the Urraco campus. This move was something we have been praying about since last February. Moving off the GH2K campus was a very difficult decision to make. After lots of prayer and counsel, we felt it was the best decision for our family and for our future serving in Honduras. As some of you know, we will be working with GH2K until June. We are so thankful for our time with GH2K. We have worked with incredible missionaries, Hondurans, and teams over the past nearly three years. We have learned a lot, and we look forward to seeing how the Lord will use this season to propel us into the next. **Please join us in praying for open doors and clear direction. Our greatest desire is to see the Kingdom of God advancing in Honduras, and we are confident He will shepherd us into this new season.**

We are so grateful for our sending organization, Cornerstone International, and their intentionality to walk with us, specifically through this season of transition. Through their member care, we receive professional counseling, pastoral care (including visits on the field), check-ins for our children, and most importantly, prayer covering. **We are Cornerstone International employees, and this means that all of your financial partnership goes directly to them. Our finances have always gone through Cornerstone International and not through GiveHope2Kids. This means that even though our ministry assignment in Honduras is changing, the way you give is not.**

**We are also SO grateful for YOU and how you have partnered with us through prayer, encouragement and financial gifts!**

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