

# SMALL STRIDES



## IN HONDURAS



*Dear Friends and Church Family,*

Thank you so much for being willing to pray for me and support me financially as I begin my **1-year adventure, serving in New Life Children's Academy located in Sabanagrande, Honduras.** Praise the Lord, I arrived safely in Honduras on Thursday, August 15, with very few setbacks. The next day, I was introduced to the **13 boys** that I will have the opportunity to care for 24/7.

Our first Sunday together was a wonderful time to get to know each other. We spent the morning time serving in the Hodges' church and then we went to Tegucigalpa (the capital) to have some fun, pass out tracts, and serve in another local church.

During my first week it became clearly evident that **5 of the boys cannot read or write** and the rest struggle to make sense of what they do know. It was then that I became a **personal tutor for 8 children** (5 boys and 3 girls) for 3 hours every day before they attend public school.

This tutoring time is spent helping them to read, write, and memorize content such as passages of scripture and math equations. Memorization is one of the hardest parts for some of the children. **Please pray as they work to memorize Deuteronomy 6:4-9.**

Despite school being a challenge for most, **all of the boys are hard workers.** On Saturdays we do a lot of projects on the Children's Home grounds. The boys have been **clearing and cutting sticks** and then **resourcefully selling these sticks as firewood** to gain some extra spending money!

During our second weekend together, **I got to teach 4 of the boys how to swim!** We swam in a nearby river for several hours and all the boys had such a fun time getting to spend time away from studies and work.

*God is working in the lives of these young ones! Thank you so much for investing in me and the lives of these Honduran children.*

