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SARAH **DICKINSON**

MISSIONARY TEACHER FALL 2024 UPDATE

It has been an **exciting fall semester** here in Honduras! We have seen growth in the school, bus route, church, seminary, and children's home! This year, I am teaching 2nd grade and have 26 wonderful students! Praise the Lord that most of my students have received salvation in first grade. However, I also have an exciting opportunity to teach 4 students who have transferred from public schools. I am working on explaining to these students specifically who God is and what is the true meaning of salvation. I have also been able to use some of my monetary support to bless my students with fun prizes and special Christmas gifts.

God has been blessing my bus route. On a "good" Sunday, 8 to 10 children (1 is a boy, and the rest are girls) and three of their grandmothers enjoy attending church with Me. I am actively looking for ways to encourage the boys to come! Yosari, on my bus route, was saved and baptized last September, and she has invited Leanie who loves our church! Leanie and Yosari are actively inviting their friends, and family to come with us, bringing many visitors! Your financial support has been used to bless my bus route children with a weekly snack and drink. Seeing the growth and faithfulness in my bus route this year has been very exciting! Once a month, I have the opportunity to serve my entire bus, which is almost 100 people, with a home-cooked breakfast! I have made pancakes, oatmeal, and traditional baleadas.

The church has had an exciting few months as well! In July we celebrated 26 years of New Life Baptist in Honduras! It was an exciting celebration with food, cake, a special choir, and a guest preacher from the United States!

In **August** we celebrated Grandparents Day and gave a gift to every grandparent who came to church, including my three grandmothers who come from my bus route! In **September**, we held a special celebration for the children, with games, food, and a bounce house! The children got to "spend" the points they earned in Sunday School for attendance, memorizing verses, bringing their bibles, and bringing visitors. Each of my bus route kids had more than 15 points to use in this event which was very exciting for them!

In **October**, New Life Baptist held a 4-day Solteros (Singles) conference. It was formatted specifically for Christian singles looking for direction and God's leading in their lives. Both the preaching and gender divided sessions were a great encouragement spiritually in my own life.

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In **November**, we held 4 special Sundays called Missions Month! Our 4 different bus route teams were given a country to represent. We prepared and presented a drama, song, traditional meal, and traditional clothing of our assigned country! My bus route was given to the country of Armenia. We prepared a drama about the life of a young man who came to know Jesus after escaping jail and finding an illegal church in a cave. We wore special outfits with headdresses and aprons. For this event, I was able to purchase the food we needed to cook for the 500 people who attend New Life Baptist. We cooked rice, pasta, meatballs, hummus, and tortillas as our traditional meal of Armenia. We sang a heart-touching song in Spanish about where our lives would have been if God had not saved us! On the other three Sundays, the other bus routes presented the countries of Qatar, Mongolia, and Mali. All 4 Sundays were exciting opportunities to share with the church the importance of missions!

In **December**, there will be a Christmas celebration, and the children will each receive a Christmas gift from the church! It will be a beautiful Christmas service, with a Christmas drama, and Special singing groups.

The Seminary has grown a lot this year, adding 6 new students and 5 more will join in the new year! The women are learning teaching skills and counseling skills, and the men are learning to be pastors and church planters! It is a rich curriculum and currently, we are the largest Baptist Bible College in all of Honduras!

The academy has continued to grow, we currently have 14 girls and 15 boys living in two separate houses. The girls live with Sister Gissela, and the boys live with Marcos and Alfryd Laura, who recently married and took over the boys' children's home ministry! The children participate in all the church ministries, attending bus routes, evangelism, helping in Sunday school, and participating in singing groups and church activities. They attend the Honduran public school for free in the mornings and in the afternoons to learn English, house and life skills, and labor skills! We are so excited about the growth of our children's home!

Please continue to pray for the spiritual growth of the recent souls saved! Yosari was saved and baptized, and Genesis and her two sisters asked Jesus to be their Savior. Also, continue to pray for the families I have encouraged during evangelism to come to our church. I have seen 2 different families that I invited on Thursday evangelism arrive at church and seem to enjoy it, I pray that they continue coming and that the other families I have invited will begin to come! The Lord is working in us and through us daily here in Sabana-Grande Honduras! The fields are ripe and ready to harvest! Many souls are just looking for a clear explanation of the gospel--they are ready to be saved! The harvest is plenteous, but the laborers are few, pray for continual growth in teachers, route workers, and the seminary!

Thank you so much for your prayers and financial support! Trusting in Jesus day by day!

Sarah Dickinson