

# THE DIVINE ADVENTURE

An update from the Allen family

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## A WHIRLWIND SUMMER

### JUNE

After graduations from school, our summer began with a visit from our special friends Nathan and Patsy. We recruited them to go on an evangelism trip with us to Pastor Nixon's hometown, nestled high in the mountains of La Paz. The director of the two-room public school in the town gave us almost the entire school day to teach the kids about Jesus, and permitted us stay overnight, sleeping on the schoolhouse floor.



Despite our adventurous spirits, we were ready for bed at 6:30 p.m! But that is what happens after driving mountainous dirt roads for hours, when you don't have electricity and the sun goes down around then, and the rain is so loud on the tin roof you can't carry on a conversation! It will be a night none of us will ever forget, but the best part of those two days was being able to share the Gospel with those 65 or so kids. We pray that the Lord begins to sow seeds in this very rural community that has no evangelical church.

### JULY

During the visit from the youth of Grace Evangelical Church from Germantown, Tennessee, we made some significant steps forward in prepar-

ing the library and nursery at Casitas. Together with a gift from First Evangelical Free Church, we

have installed windows, doors, and painted the 'casita' to use as a library for the children in the community surrounding 'Thursday church'. One special young lady painstakingly painted Scripture verses on the walls of the library and the new nursery, reminding us that the intent behind the use of this facility is to glorify God and proclaim His Word!



The Grace Evan team also brought down the first installment of books and games for the kids to enjoy. Please pray for the intellectual and spiritual growth of each young person who comes to read and hear the Gospel at Casitas.

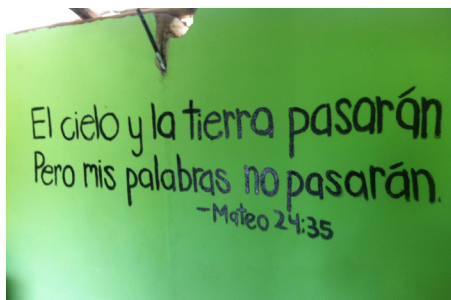
### AUGUST



Hermano Joel, from the Casitas church, preached his first sermon. It was a joy to work with him preparing a sermon outline on Ezekiel 3 to share with the congregation. His message was given the week after his friend and co-worker Miguel Angel was killed. Miguel's parents visited our church

for the first time the day Joel preached. We are praying that God's Word and Joel's life will bear fruit in the lives of Miguel's family members as he witnesses to them.

The month of August marks the celebration of the lives of the three young men that have been entrusted to our care. Simon turned 6 this year, Samuel turned 9, and Joshua will soon be 14 years old. It's amazing to think that we already have a high school freshman in our home! We are grateful for healthy, happy sons who are learning about the truth of a loving God and Savior. Please continue to pray for us in our on-going ministry of raising these great kids.



## LOOKING FORWARD

The coming months will be busy ones as we look to change up some of our ministry routines. Jennifer will be working full-time at International School as a "substitute" 12th grade English teacher until the school can recruit a teacher. This will be a definite ministry opportunity for her, and will also require God's people to pray for her. It will be the first time that she will be a full-time working Mom, caring for her own boys, and also being involved in the local church's outreach.

In October, Carol and Jennifer will be facilitating the third annual "Women's Day" outreach event with the help of Madison Christian Church. The event will include a time of testimony, fellowship, games, prayer, and Biblical study at each of the four El Camino de La Vida churches.

Matthew is starting a study on Biblical Eldership, using materials written by Alexander Strauch with a small group at Casitas. This is an important step in the maturity and leadership structure of the church, so please be praying for this. Emotionally, it's sad to be starting this study without our friend Miguel Angel, who we had hoped would be a part of the study with us. Miguel Angel was tragically shot and killed in July, and we trust God to redeem this unfortunate circumstance that greatly impacted our church family in Casitas.

In December, Matthew will be organizing an event with Cabra Rides.com to raise funds for our ministry through Latin America Mission. He will be inviting other mountain biking friends to come down and join him in a race from western Honduras, into Guatemala, and El Salvador. We are prayerfully raising funds to bolster our support account to allow us to continue serving the Lord here in Honduras. Watch for more information about how you can get involved in this unique race with a purpose.


## THE PRAYERS OF THE SAINTS

- For the training of men, women, and children in the churches of El Camino de La Vida. Pray for the Eldership training at Casitas that begins in September.
- Pray for an interdenominational missionary retreat that we are a part of planning at the end of September.
- For the continual health and recovery of my mom and Jennifer's father.
- For Luis, Nixon, Melvin, Melvin Harold and the other preaching elders of Iglesia El Camino de La Vida, as they study and teach God's Word in the various churches.
- Pray for the November presidential election in Honduras and the overall political climate.
- For the teachers and students of International School as they begin a new school year - especially for Joshua as he begins his freshmen year, and Jennifer as she substitutes as a 12th grade teacher.

*Pastor Melvin for praying with Luis at his installation as pastor in El Renuevo>>*



*<<Our family during a recent road trip to Costa Rica*

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