

DIVINE ADVENTURE

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Crossroads in the Adventure

Our family's divine adventure is beginning a new chapter. We begin with a bit of uncertainty to be sure, but we are confident in the Lord Jesus Christ and His unfailing love for us. Jennifer and I know from many experiences that He redeems our mistakes, guides our steps, and always has His glory in mind. With that, I am excited to share with you that I just accepted a four-month employment contract to work as an IT consultant. This will be a great opportunity to refresh my technical skills and evaluate whether this company would be a good fit for me longer term. I will be working with Salesforce.com software and several other computer systems at a toy manufacturer. Ready for the kicker? This job is here in Tegucigalpa, just about 30 minutes from where we live! The contract will allow me to continue as a preaching elder with Iglesia El Camino de la Vida through the summer. This positions us to be able to transition many of our ministry duties to others in the church while remaining with them for a while longer. We continue to seek the Lord's direction as to whether this will allow us to do tent-making ministry here for a longer amount of time, so please pray for guidance. I also appreciate your prayers as I re-acclimate to a very different kind of work than I've been doing for the last four years.

Please check out www.tegu.com to learn more about the unique toy company where I will now be working. The factory employs more than 200



Hondurans and produces fine wooden toys that are wildly popular in Europe. The business is Christian-owned and is very intentional about investing in people and ministries here in Honduras. I think you will see on some of the videos on this Web site, that it's a perfect fit for me. What happens after this 4-month contract? Stay tuned...

Jennifer and I want to thank you again for your faithful and generous investments in our ministry here. We would ask that you continue your support, should you feel led, until May 31. United World Mission is prepared to share with us some funds for transitioning out of the ministry that would help

us with a move back to the U.S. after the summer, or help us with some other costs (namely health care) that we will have after leaving the generous care of UWM.

Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust.

Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.

Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord!

I have fled to you for refuge.

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!

Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!

-Psalm 143:8-10

The Dog Days of Summer

Even though our family's long-term plans are still up in the air, at least Joshua knows where he will be spending the summer! He is looking forward to living with Grandpa Ron in Rockford, Illinois. My Dad has fixed up a really nice suite in his basement for Joshua to enjoy while he works his first summer job. Joshua will be working as an intern at First Free, assisting with the Summerama Kids evangelism program, as well as sharing his missions experience with the church. He is really excited to spend the summer with Grandpa, to ride his bike to work, and to take drivers' ed classes!



Joshua and his amigos after baking cookies at a party

We are so proud of the things that Joshua has learned about loving others and treasuring God's Word during our family's time in Honduras. Please pray for him this summer as he heads towards his junior year of high school and considers his own goals for the coming years. Look for him around Rockford this summer!

Divine Appointments

Many of you have come to Honduras and have met our good friend Pedro Calderón. Others of you may have bought some of the beautiful leather crafts that we began selling early on during our time here in Honduras. In this case, this week Pedro had the ultimate divine appointment.

This past week, Pedro was taken from El Renuevo to the hospital here in Tegucigalpa. He was admitted due to very low blood levels. Pastor Nixon and others responded to an urgent request to donate blood for home. Then, doctors diagnosed Pedro as having leukemia, which caused the low blood levels. Less than 48 hours after the leukemia diagnosis, Pedro died, leaving his wife Elsa and three daughters.



In reflecting on my friendship with Pedro, Pedro was an admirable man. He was hard working, loyal to his family, and loved the Lord Jesus. I smile thinking of the many times I would wait for him at the bus stop for delivery of my order of hand-crafted leather goods. He was always on time, always did his best, and was always proud of his work. He preached for years at El Renuevo, and the only pictures anyone has of Pedro show him hard at work, either at the church or in some other project. Above all though, I can say that Pedro was faithful - to his wife, to his family, and to His God. We are confident that Pedro has heard God say, "well done, good and faithful servant."

Losing Pedro reminded us yet again of the void we feel missing my Mom. Yet Christ assured Mom, Pedro, and many other saints of their preparedness for their ultimate divine appointment. May God haste the day when we see death defeated once and for all.

When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

"Death is swallowed up in victory."

"O death, where is your victory?"

O death, where is your sting?"

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

-I Corinthians 15:54-58 ESV

The Work Must go On

For the past years, your generosity has allowed us to be here as full-time human resources supporting the work of Iglesia El Camino de La Vida. As we transition out of the role as support-raising missionaries, one of our desires is to be able to invest in equipping others to carry on this work. We know the needs here first hand, and thank God for the opportunity to invest in some of them. Presently, there are two primary projects that we are asking to Lord to provide for.

1. Pastor Melvin's new vehicle: So far, just over \$11,500 have been donated towards the purchase of a new compact SUV. As I will be working full-time and not able to make the weekly trek to Casitas, this increases the wear and tear of Melvin's pick-up truck. His vehicle has become increasingly unreliable, and we want to share this need with you.
2. Support for Joel Sanchez. Joel, recently installed as elder in Casitas, is being equipped to preach and care for the congregation. Recently, the company he worked for went bankrupt. This has given him more time to care for the congregation but has limited his ability to provide for his family. Our desire is to provide, along with the local church, a monthly offering for Joel to meet his family's needs as he steps into a full-time pastoral role.

If you are interested in helping with either of these needs as you discontinue your support of our family, please contact me.



Support gifts* to continue supporting our family through May 31, 2015 can be sent to United World Mission. Likewise, we invite you to continue giving to support the pastoral team of El Camino de La Vida.

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