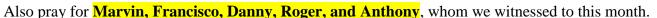


## Hodges Joseph & Abigail March 2023 in Honduras

Dear Friends and Church Family,

On the front steps of the Catholic church one sunset, three boys, **Bayron**, **Antony**, and Orlin, humbly trusted Christ for salvation after I witnessed to them. (pictured right) Pray that they'll come to church, as their parents are a bit hardened.

Abbi and I found Ander, age 23, sitting in a field alone crying in pain. His leg had just been broken, and he was so despised that no one would stop to help him. We wondered why. After carrying him to a safe place, we preached the gospel to him for the next hour. Ander had been in several prisons since age 12, had been shot 4 times, stabbed 7, delivered drugs and served as a gunfighter for several big-time gangs in Honduras. He was very bitter and had no friends. Though this poor man did not receive Christ right then, it was obvious that we had a divine appointment.



A young married couple, Carlos and Jessica, began attending church recently with their son Gael. They invited us to their home with many questions about Baptist doctrine. They were saved several years ago, and after talking with them, both Carlos and Jessica got baptized and joined our **church**! (pictured right) Pray for their discipleship and growth.







Pray for a good pastor to be trained up at **Bethany Baptist Church**, the new work that we are assisting in the capital. We take several teen boys with us each time we go, and they give a 2-5 min. preaching (pictured left). Training young men is vital to church growth.

Many fathers heard the gospel at our Father's Day Program at School (pictured right). This ministry reaches many fathers who don't normally attend church.

About **40 teens came to youth group** to hear powerful preaching, eat lunch, play games, and to enjoy wholesome fellowship in a Christ-centered environment.





Over **140 ladies** nationwide attended our 2023 Ladies Conference and heard Mrs. Billie Sloan, a missionary to Mexico for over 40 years. Abbi did a phenomenal job with the music for the conference.

**Praise:** Several young single ladies from the US will be visiting our ministry the next few months to consider working long-term with us. Pray for meaningful visits!

**Prayer**: Finding another bus, a reliable pick up truck, and for 5 new guys and 5 new girls in our Bible college

Thank you for your prayers! We love you!

-Joseph & Abbi Hodges

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