



Hodges Joseph & Abigail in Honduras

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Dear Friends and Church Family,

Our baby boy is due in November! Our church also started a new bus route 30 minutes away in the nearest suburb to our capital, Tegucigalpa. It is our furthest route and the first to reach inside Tegucigalpa's city limits. My parents had 57 riders on one Sunday in a 30 passenger van!

Over 6,000 souls reside in this suburb with no Baptist church. It all started through our two day VBS with its public school, bringing over 600 kids, public school teachers, and parents combined. Over 150 kids got saved, and 22 got saved personally with Abbi and I. That is how the route started.

Praise the Lord, God provided several new American teachers for our Christian school! Jared Phillips, Jason Labreque, Hannah Tabor, Nakayla Milot, and Susanna Ross have answered the call and put their hands to the work here! Thank you for praying for these young, single missionaries. If you're interested in supporting them, please let me know!



My wonderful wife Abbi, along with our bus workers, planned a surprise birthday party for Daniel, one of our seminary students, and for me. I was completely surprised, and we had a sweet time.

Abbi and I traveled to attend a refreshing English-speaking marriage conference in Honduras with Dr. John and Cinthia Francis, staff at First Baptist Church in Hammond, IN.



They are one of our faithful supporting churches, and we are so thankful for their care for our marriage.

I had the privilege to baptize Samuel, age 14, from my Sunday School class, and José, age 20. Pray for their continued discipleship.



Perla, Rachell, and Samuel started riding our bus this month. On her second Sunday, Perla, age 11, got saved (pictured in the pink shirt)! Pray that she'll get baptized soon and be discipled.



*****Also, thank you for praying for our Assistant Pastor Moises Zelaya. Thankfully, the doctors are saying that he does not have blood cell cancer. However, he does seem to have a chronic bacteria that destroys his blood cells, but it should be treatable with medication. We are so thankful it's not cancer, and we are even praying that there may be a cure for this bacteria so that he will not need lifelong meds. Please remember Moises in your prayers. God is good!*****

Thank you for your prayers and support this month!

-Joseph & Abbi Hodges

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