

Hodges Joseph & Abigail Dec. 2023 in Honduras

Dear Friends and Church Family,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our friends and family! We personally want to **thank each church** that sent us an extra Christmas gift this month, we are so grateful for your generosity and thoughtfulness. Abbi, Thomas, and I feel so well-taken care of each day by our loving churches back in the US.

This month, my in-laws, Ty and Rebecca Pepperdine from Georgia, came to spend Christmas with us and to meet baby Thomas. Thomas started both smiling and cooing for the first time while they were here!

My dad preached a powerful gospel message at our school play with almost <u>600 people in attendance</u>. Each year we see many school families come to Jesus and eventually to church.









Two couples from our Bible college **got married**! Both the Benitez and Moncada families met in our college, and both couples are serving in full time ministry! Good things can happen at Bible college.

Eleven-year old <u>Michelle</u> trusted Christ for salvation after I visited her home to collect some church books that she had stolen. It was a perfect opportunity to teach about the penalty of sin.

Twenty-six-year old **Josue** trusted Christ for salvation on his doorstep the Saturday before Christmas.

I preached at a funeral and **two people** there asked Christ to forgive their sin and save them.

Pray for the salvation of **Dilma, Marcos, and Daisy**, whom we witnessed to during evangelism this month as well.



We brought <u>Carlos and Ariel</u> to our church for the first time on Christmas Eve. I worried because both men were sober on Saturday, but Sunday morning, strong alcohol was on their breath, and they seemed a bit tipsy. However, a good breakfast and strong preaching allowed the Holy Spirit to convict their hearts. They had "sobered up" in more than one way by the invitation time. Both uncle and nephew prayed for salvation with me afterwards, and both are seeking help

for their alcohol addiction.

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Two young men, <u>Junior and Gerling</u>, graduated from our college this month too. Pray for their current and future ministries as they serve in other parts of Honduras!

Thank you for your prayers and support this month!

-Joseph & Abbi Hodges

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