

Dear Family & Friends,

2023 has been another amazing year, and even with some of the challenges that we have faced, we praise the Lord with steadfast hearts that He, the God we serve, is sovereign over all and we will worship Him again and again for all He has done! As we reflect over this past year we have so much to be thankful for. We would like to share with you some highlights of the great things that God has done this past year!

1st Chronicles 16:23-25a – Sing to the Lord all the earth; proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples. For the Lord is great and greatly to be praised;

We praise Him for:

- 52 salvations!! Bringing total saved to 907 since the beginning of ministry!!
- 208 Bibles distributed this year bringing the total to 1,671.
- Hope for the World High School completed its 5th year with 81 students enrolled.
- The addition of the 11th grade to the High School will now complete the extra curriculum of the 10th & 11th grades. High school in Honduras is considered 7th, 8th, and 9th grade and receives diplomas to help with employment. The addition of 10th and 11th grades are considered higher education and graduates can receive more prestigious jobs, and help to secure a better future for them. The 11th grade's first graduation will be in 2024.
- We praise God for the 14 salvations, and 33 graduates from the 9th grade that we have seen since the inception of High School.
- The High School is growing by leaps and bounds and by faith we will add another 39 students in 2024 bringing the total number of student body to 120!
- The Christian flag raising ceremony at the High School was an awesome and emotional experience with many in attendance from the community, and is flying high right between the USA & Honduran flags on the property.
- Secretary of Education's inspection of the High School passed with an excellent score!
- All the schools in the village have now been added to the Manna feeding project. This ministry has grown to 1,402 children being fed daily! This also includes 2 children's church classes & 130 Senior adults
- The Manna Project averages over 25,274 meals per month! This comes out to an amazing number of over 278,000 meals for the school year!!!
- Over 1,974 large 5-gallon containers of clean drinking water were distributed for all the schools and community facilities for 2023.
- Many poverty stricken families have been provided with food bags throughout the year, to help meet their physical needs.
- Large boxes of school supplies were delivered to the 57 teachers in all 14 schools.
- 2 laptop computers were donated to High School by the Mayor's office in Tatumbla
- We now have permanent residency in Honduras!
- The new church partnership had its 3 year anniversary and has grown to 168 members, with many souls being saved and 12 baptisms in 2023. We have 11 Bible study home groups, and the children's church has grown to 61 kids in attendance!
- We praise God for several new items that have been purchased for the church including a new keyboard for the piano player.
- Women's ministry is going strong with as many as 25 attending. The women are excited to once again be able to meet in a ladies home and study the Bible together.
- We thank God for the air conditioners that were purchased for 2 of the 3 upstairs bedrooms at the Mission House. In almost 9 years of living in Honduras, these A/C units are our very first!
- The Triplets and Valeria are growing, thriving and doing amazing! They are very thankful for all the help they receive each month. They will all be 5 years old in 2024!
- Food, clothing, and basic needs still being met for a man who lost his home during flood.
- School projects 2023: Large metal awning cover for kindergarten, construction of storage building, roof for Director's office, and materials for a new water tower.
- In the past several years through generous donors the ministry has assisted the community and schools with funding or materials for different projects such as: Drainage systems, TV's for classroom learning, playground equipment, lunch areas, kitchen repairs, windows, doors, concrete steps, science fairs, soccer goals, sponsored soccer tournaments, graduation gowns, toilet paper, copy paper, internet, desks, and several miscellaneous repairs.
- The ministry of Hope for the World Honduras was awarded the opportunity to be a member of the Mayor's Community Leadership Committee to help create a better living environment in the village and is going well in its first year of service. Many updates and community projects have helped to beautify the area tremendously.
- We praise God for all the prayers & financial support in the midst of Marsha's diagnosis
- Annual Pheasant Shoot and Dove Shoot at Hartland Farms was a big success!
- We continue to praise God for all of you who support this ministry with all your love, prayers and financial support! You all have such a huge impact on the lives of those in need! May God bless you all!

Christmas Project

Once again we would like to ask you to prayerfully consider how you can be a part of this year's Honduras Christmas Project". The proceeds will be used to bless the teachers in all 14 schools with their much needed supplies for the 2024 school year that typically begins in February. We praise the Lord for the many doors of opportunity to share the love and hope of Jesus Christ that this project has opened. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated! Please be sure to note on the enclosed envelope or earmark your check that your donation is for "The Honduras Christmas Project". We know that God is preparing for a great harvest of salvations in Honduras!

Prayer Request for 2024:

He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it 1st Thess: 5:24

- Please continue to pray for us as we plan our return back to Honduras in January, and for us to be steadfast in our faith, to love well, and to encourage those we will encounter with the hope of Jesus.
- Good health for us both
- <u>2024 Operating Budgets</u>. These funds listed below are not the actual budgets, but are the extra funds needed on top of what is already provided through monthly donations:
- High School \$6,710 The High School enrollment will increase from 81 students to 120 students.
- New Desk **\$1,155**
- New Uniforms **\$3,170**
- Manna Feeding \$15,612
- Christmas Project \$2,500
- Personal Support \$6,484
- Please pray for the 9 teams we have scheduled for 2024! We are super excited!

May you and your families have a blessed Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year! Larry and Marsha





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