

Our Dear Brothers & Sisters and Friends,

2015 June

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
because they will be filled.

Matthew 5:6

As we said last year, June is Dwight's favorite month of the year with the long days (13 hours of daylight), everything cooled down, greened up, and sparkling from the bountiful rains we have had from the start of our 'winter', and the bumper crop of mangoes that come with this month.

Very sad news from Por Los Niños

This seems like it almost happened in another life since it was such a sad event for us. Olga and Jorge have been house parents at Por Los Niños for 17 years and their 2 youngest Darlin and Isai, were born there. They have been the parents for the older kids at PLN as they went through and graduated from high school and started venturing out in to University life and the working world. They have 3 daughters of their own who are in college (Keila is finishing this year) and their son who is still in high school, besides the many of their 'kids' that they have guided into life outside PLN. While they were taking a group back to the airport, Olga suddenly and quietly slipped into loss of consciousness. They quickly turned around and took her to the hospital in Guaimaca after starting CPR. She was pronounced dead at the hospital..



Jorge and Olga with their children (from L to R), Keila, Kellyn, Darlin, Isai

While Jorge has been the local director of PLN since the Johnsons left and was certainly the face of PLN to Honduras, Olga was most definitely the soul of the community. She was a beautiful woman and a servant to her family and PLN. When Dwight talked with her children, wise counselor and confidant were the predominant themes of her life. We will miss her very much as will a great many here and those from North America who came as teams to help PLN. We deeply grieve for her family, especially her daughters who are at an age when their mother is so very important.

Las Trancas

We got a message from Oscar Rodriquez who has made several opportunities to build friendships and teach from the Bible in Las Trancas in the Honduran Department of La Paz. The first time he visited he found that he had some



Oscar giving some blood pressure medicine to the matriarch of the community, Doña Marcelina.

stressed, it can be, especially for children. Pray for our trip to the states and Europe.

Love, Dwight and Joanne Tomkins

Living in Honduras

We asked last month as to what this fruit is? Louise Clites from Tennessee was the first to answer correctly. But that is not surprising since she has been here numerous times both to work and to teach in a local health clinic. The fruit is called Marañon here. The popular red fleshy part that looks like an apple is actually an enlarged, edible, sweet stem and is not really a fruit. The actual fruit is the nut hanging underneath, which we know and enjoy as a cashew. The 'apple' has a



A Bible Study in Las Trancas

family connections there which is very important for evangelism in Honduras. We are pleased with how the work is progressing. Please excuse the photos; Oscar only has a very limited camera on his phone. We want to thank again the Ladies Class at the A&M church of Christ for their spiritual and financial assistance in this work..

School at Por Los Niños

The students have continued on with their work even though some were strongly affected by the death of Sister Olga. They are all progressing well. One of our teachers, Claudia, returned from maternity leave and we are very glad to have her back.

Sunday School Class

Dwight is focusing on the Sermon on the Mount in his Pre-Jovenes (11 – 14 yr old) class currently. If anyone has good ideas for teaching materials for this subject let him know.

Reunion and Ireland

We have confirmed tickets for the later part of August to fly to a Tomkins Family reunion in Virginia and then on to two weeks in Ireland for our 30th wedding anniversary celebration.

Prayers

Thank you for your prayers on our behalf. Please pray for Jorge Gonzales and his family. Pray for a cure for those tropical diseases (Malaria, Dengue, Chagas, and Chikungunya) that affect so many. While Chikungunya is normally not fatal, if someone is nutritionally



A hint: The seed hanging off the bottom is very popular in the states.

distinctive flavour, the texture of a well-ripened plum, and no internal seed (or seeds). The seed has to be carefully roasted since the protective oil between the outside shell and the cashew is very caustic and must be handled with care. Even the smoke produced by the roasting process is caustic and can produce reactions similar to burning poison ivy! Thus, it is easier to throw the seed away and just eat the 'fruit', thereby likely producing another tree. The trees do not get that tall – only about 30 - 40 feet high.