

Our Dear Brothers & Sisters and Friends,

2015 July

Day and night they never stop, saying:
"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God, The Almighty,
Who was, Who is, and Who is coming."

Revelation 4:8b

Both mangoes and avocados were ripe this month. It has been a pleasant month, weather-wise, with bountiful rain and moderate temperatures. Not much news this month.

July 4th Group

A group from Texas working with the Bloecher's has a special celebration on the 4th of July in the Central Park. They not only cooked hamburgers and hotdogs for their group and visitors, but for 250 people. They also had cole slaw and potato salad and a drink to go along with the burgers. We got to meet the nephew and family of our dear friends, the Postelwaites, who were with the group. And then afterward, they had an excellent fireworks show. Dwight says it was the first time he was able to be directly under such a large scale fireworks display. It was quite an event!

Visit by our oldest daughter, Jessica

But the biggest event for us this month was the visit of our oldest daughter for two weeks. Jessica was responsible for us originally coming to Honduras when she came with a youth group in 1996. She came several times with the youth group to work at the Baxter Institute (a preacher training school) during the late 90s, but she had never been to Catacamas. Joanne and she visited Copán Ruinas and numerous points of interest in Catacamas. She also got to see first hand some of the things in which Joanne is involved. We hope her visit was not too painful (she visited the dentist while here) and that she will return soon with her family.

School at Por Los Niños

The students are all progressing well in their school work. This month, on the 20th, we celebrated what is called either, Día de Lempira or Día de los Indígenas (Day of Lempira or Day of the indigenous peoples). Lempira was a famous 16th century, local leader who was killed by treachery. He is honored for how he brought many different people together to fight against evil.

Sunday School Class

Thank you for the good materials on the Sermon on the Mount for Dwight's Pre-Jovenes (11 – 14 yr old) class. He is still looking for some good ideas and materials for activities on this subject.

Reunion and Ireland

We will be flying in the later part of August to a Tomkins Family reunion in Virginia and then on to two weeks in Ireland for our 30th wedding anniversary celebration. We are looking forward to it.



Kids everywhere love to dress up.

Big Mac arrives

We are also looking forward to the arrival and visit with our liason and elder from the Raleigh church of Christ, Mac Safley, on Monday, the 10th of August, soon before our departure. It is always a joy to spend time with him. He will be reviewing and planning for more work in Olancho during his time here. OK, so the title of this section is a little misleading. Mac is not that "big", though he is quite a bit taller than the average Hondureño (or Dwight, for that matter).

Prayers

Thank you for your prayers on our behalf. Please continue to pray for Jorge Gonzales and his family and for our trip to the states and Ireland.

Love, Dwight and Joanne Tomkins