

Dear Praying Friends and Supporters,

2024 gave way to 2025 and we have hit the ground running, so to speak. January 4<sup>th</sup> saw our national pastors arriving for a 3 week session of Bible Institute. Bro. Levis is the only actual student that we have right now, and the others come for a refresher course and the fellowship(and Robin's food, of course). I was able to teach 2 courses(one morning and one evening) and Bro. Andy taught a third course (morning), so the men were getting 3 different subjects during this session. They had 4 hours of class each morning, then had the afternoon to study and do homework, and then 2 hours of class each evening. My morning class was Bible Study Methods,

followed by Bro. Andy teaching on the Strategy of Satan. The evening classes I taught were from Andrew Murray's book, "With Christ in the School of Prayer" and were open to anyone that wanted to come, and we had one other man who attended those. Just reading and studying through the School of Prayer was very convicting and stirred up a desire to be more diligent in our prayer life and keeping our heart right with the Lord so that our prayers can be more effective. We had some good discussions and fellowship with the men during

this time. They were each able to preach several times both in our church and also in the mission church that Bro. Levis is working down the road in Tikuabila. Bro. Andy even preached one Sunday night in the Spanish mission that we have started, and he did a good job preaching in Spanish. Classes finished on January 24<sup>th</sup> and the men went home on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

On Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, I carried the welldrilling equipment in the boat across the lagoon and met up with the men from Missionary Air Group that have a ministry in the village of Rus Rus, on the other side of La Moskitia. After loading the equipment in their truck, it was a 5 hour ride to their compound. I was able to drill 2 wells for them, one near the housing complex and one near the clinic, which will help provide clean water year round for their needs. The first well went about 85 feet deep, and the second well went 75 feet deep, before hitting solid rock. On Friday they brought me back to Puerto Lempira and I made it back home that afternoon.



## January 2025 Update



The Sunday night before I left to drill the wells, Robin and I got home from the Spanish evening service, and were sitting down to eat a bite before going to bed, when the power went out. That is not normal, as the generator was set to come on and charge the batteries before we lost power. I knew that our bank of batteries was getting weaker, and they had evidently just stopped receiving charge. I was able to get some smaller batteries and hook them up before I left on Monday, and was hoping that would fix it for a few days at least. Robin still had some problems with the power system while I was gone, but she made it through the week by trying to conserve power in the daytime, and running the generator all night each night. On my way back through Puerto Lempira, I was able to buy another new battery, and after switching that out with one of the older ones, our power has been more stable. We are still running the generator more than we used to, and will continue to need to do that for a few more weeks. Thankfully, knowing that the batteries were failing, we had already ordered a new, larger battery to replace the bank that we had, and it is on the way from the US now. Hopefully it will arrive soon, and we can go back to a more normal schedule and using the generator less.

We have a lot going on in February and March, so please continue to pray for us. I have been working on my 40hp motor to get it ready for another trip upriver to Pansana and Krausirpi. Lord willing, I will leave late Sunday night, February 16<sup>th</sup>. Robin will be headed to La Ceiba that week, to buy supplies for Levis' upcoming graduation from the Bible Institute in March. School should be starting here in the next couple of weeks, and the ladies from our home church in SC bought backpacks and school supplies once again, and we will be giving out 200 backpacks along with preaching and sharing the Gospel with the 200 kids that come to receive them.

March brings 2 back-to-back groups coming in. 14 people from our home church, including our pastor and his wife, are coming for the graduation. We are looking to have close to 50 people from outside our area, and probably feeding right at 250 for the graduation dinner, on Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. Our plan is to carry the men in our church group to one of our mission churches in another village after the graduation, so they can see more of the work that is being done. The very next week after they fly back to the US, we have a fellow Macedonia missionary family that is coming to visit, and we'll be showing them the work here, as well as one of the mission works that is being started. We have a busy schedule coming up, and need the Lord's wisdom and strength in all that we do. We greatly appreciate your prayers for us, and your faithfulness to give and meet the needs that we have in the ministry here in La Moskitia.

In His Service, Gene and Robin Trask