

The TRASK Family

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Dear Praying Friends and Supporters;

We have had an extensive two months of traveling and working.

The last of August, Robin's Dad had triple bypass heart surgery. She was not able to be there for the surgery, because at the time our passports had been sent off to the immigration office, working to complete our next two years of residency. When they did come back, instead of being able to send just Robin out, we all had to fly in to La Ceiba to further the process of getting our actual residency cards. (pictures, finger prints, etc.) Of course, that was just to further the process...from there we received temporary papers which I had to keep in the country, just in case the cards came available before she got back. That meant that we all had to go to San Pedro Sula for her to go through exit immigration and hand me back the paper to keep.

Despite the inconvenience, it ended up being a blessing, because we were able to meet and visit with the Rolston family, fellow missionaries serving in El Progreso, there near the airport. It was really encouraging getting to talk with them and attend services with them while we were there for two days.

The day after Robin flew out, two pastors came in to visit. Aaron and I were there to meet them and the four of us came back to the house here in Kaukira. Their trip was originally planned as a surprise to me. They would have shown up in Puerto Lempira on one of our regularly scheduled town trips, while I was standing in line at the bank. HA!! That would have been a sight. Oh well!! It was still great to see them, and the purpose of their trip was still accomplished. Bro. Allen Montgomery and Bro. Nathan Johnson are very good friends who have been praying for us during some very difficult times that we had been going through. They just wanted to come and be an encouragement to me. Thank the Lord for friends like that. We worked "the snot" out of them, then took them on a tour to two villages where we have partner churches. In the second village I had told them that we would be picking up a "Gorda" (fat female) and she would be coming back with us. What a surprise to them when Andy our national pastor came walking up with a cow and her eight-month-old calf. That was an adventure and a half.



After this visit Aaron and I were here for two weeks before we flew out on October 1<sup>st</sup> to the US to be there for our daughter Kayla's wedding. While in, we were able to go visit Levi for a couple days, then visit with Lydia after flying her in for the wedding. Robin had been staying at her Dad's house caring for him for a month, but after Lydia flew back to school, Aaron went with Levi, and Robin and I were able to take a couple days off together while her brother came and stayed with her dad.

During all this time I had been working, trying to make arrangements for shipping the boat that was donated, down to Honduras. We attempted to make a joint shipment with the Rolstons and their literature distribution ministry, but the cost was going to be almost double of just shipping the boat by itself. So, the Sunday evening after getting back from our two-day vacation, myself and Bro. Jodie Cole rode with Bro. Larry Case, who used his truck to pull the boat down to the shipping company in Miami, Florida. We left at 7:30 Sunday evening, drove through the night, and made it to the warehouse around 9:30 a.m. After two hours of loading the boat and paperwork we headed back to arrive at the house a little after midnight that night. An extremely long trip, but I thoroughly enjoyed being able to visit with Bro. Larry and Bro. Jodie and appreciate them volunteering to go with me.

I got to the room around 1 a.m. Tuesday morning, and that night, or Wednesday morning at 2 a.m., I left Chattanooga headed back here to Kaukira. By Wednesday evening I was in La Ceiba, and on Thursday I was in the stores shopping for the Bible Institute that would be starting in just a week.

The next few days were spent cleaning and trying to organize the kitchen and supplies for the upcoming class session. The students came in on Saturday as well as Bro. and Mrs. Sexton. Bro. Sexton is teaching in this session and Mrs. Sexton has been helping me with the cooking. On that Sunday we had the privilege of having a baptism for two who had recently been saved. It was a special blessing to allow Bro. Andy, our nation pastor helping me here, to perform the baptisms. The Caribbean Sea was rough that day but praise the Lord the work got done.

During the week I was trying to get things ready for Institute, Robin's Dad made some very good progress in his recovery and determined that he was ready to try being on his own. This was great news as I, along with Mrs. Sexton, had anticipated having to cook the entire time of Institute, but now Robin and Aaron would be able to come in and finish out the time.

Now we are looking at Graduation on the 16<sup>th</sup>. These will be our first graduates since we have been in charge of the Institute. Bro. Alberto has been working in the church in Laka Tabila for five years now, and Bro. Nichin was saved not long after we came to Honduras in 2010. He has grown and studied, working with us here for a time and now surrendered and living upriver as a missionary, traveling to villages preaching and distributing tracts and New Testaments.

We anticipate the boat getting out here before the end of November and are praising the Lord for those who gave to help pay for the shipping cost.

As you can see, we have been doing a great deal of traveling in the last two months and trying to keep the work here going at the same time. It has been a huge financial burden, for which, as always, we are trusting the Lord to provide to meet the need. I am planning to stay close to home till March, putting off finishing the well in Krausirpi and some other trips, till we are able to get back on top of things here.

We would greatly appreciate your prayers, that the Lord would give us wisdom as we concentrate on the work here in Kaukira for the next few months. Also, for our son in law and daughter, Jacob and Kayla Brown, Levi and Lydia in College, and Aaron on the last half of his junior year.

In His Service,

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