LOVING HONDURAS

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Dear Mission Partners,

Baptisms were last Sunday. At Santa Maria Magdalena, we announced baptisms for Advent, since we had several babies and didn't want to wait until after lent. But the moms didn't come to the baptism classes, so the babies dropped out, and youths have dropped in. We baptized two four-year-olds and three adults. One of the little ones, Maricarmen, announced to her parents that she was going to be baptized, and obligated them to attend the classes! They had never been to church with her. She is very strong-willed. I have no idea how she found out about the baptisms.

We have eight youth going to the Manos de Dios campout next weekend, kids who haven't been involved with the church. I'm excited about that because they will come back on fire for Jesus. I think we will have a good youth group soon.

The government land office (Catastro) came out to measure the lot for building the church and the kindergarten, so we can put the fence in the right spot. Our previous measurements were off. The next step is to put the four corner posts up so we don't lose the measurements.

I'm looking forward to hosting the posadas at my casita one night with my Roman Catholic brothers and sisters as well as with all the Anglo Catholic Episcopalians.

I love Christmas in Honduras. This one's special! For His Sake, Jeannie





Top: The Reverend Deacon Victor Velazquez officiating at Morning Prayer in the Centro Comunal. We are anxious to have our new church building.

Below: My goddaughter Hilda and her new baby girl, named Stefani Senovia.



But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and good deeds. It shows no partiality and is always sincere. And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of goodness. James 3:17-18 NLT



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CHANGES IN FARMING

- MANY ARE ASKING TO MAKE COMPOST AT THEIR HOMES. I WILL BE HELPING THEM HAUL THE MANURE.
- THE BIGGEST BREAKTHROUGH HAS BEEN BEANS. IN THE PAST, MY NEIGH-BORS HAVE PLANTED BEANS, WHICH HAVE ALL GOTTEN MOSAIC VIRUS AND DIED, DESPITE THE MANY CHEMICALS THEY PUT ON THEM TO SAVE THEM. I KEPT INSISTING IT WAS A VIRUS WHICH COULD NOT BE CURED BY CHEMICALS. I TOLD THEM THEY HAD TO PLANT MOSAIC RESISTANT BEANS, LEADING EXAMPLE. MY BEAN PLANTS BY LOOKED GREAT LAST YEAR AND THIS YEAR THEY WERE COVERED WITH BEAN PODS. MANY PEOPLE HAVE TOLD ME THEY ALSO PLANTED AMADEUS (A MOSAIC RESISTANT VARIETY) AND GOT A HUGE CROP THIS YEAR. THE FIRST MEASURABLE GOAL OF THE DEMON-STRATION FARM HAS BEEN ACHIEVED. PRAISE GOD!

PRAYER AND PRAISE REQUESTS

Praise him for Jeannie's good health and safety. Praise Him for the growth of the church plant, Santa Maria Magdalena, in San Lorenzo.

Keep praying for rain in Valle de Jamastran.

Praise him for the newly trained Daughters of the King.

Praise him for the pickup I bought from missionary friends.

Pray for a missionary to come who can take charge of the handicapped children I have been helping.





Above: Maricarmen at her baptism. **Below:** One of my bean plants. I got a fantastic bean harvest this year. This is the Amadeus variety, developed by the Pan American Agricultural University at Zamorano, Honduras. The rained helped a lot, but the fact that they were mosaic resistant led to a huge harvest. It has continued to rain, reviving the corn and the sorghum.



Left: Elvin, a heart patient, goes in twice a year for a dental checkup. As a heart patient, he has to have good dental health. He had his teeth cleaned and two cavities filled. Below: Alexander, a child with spina bifida, came with his uncle to ask for a wheel chair. If he has a wheel chair, he can go to school. At 10, he is getting too heavy to carry.



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