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July was a great month for us. We started taking our Spanish tests. I have taken three out of four of them so far. For two of them I already have received my grades and know that I have passed; still waiting on the third. Amber has taken two so far and gotten grades back for one; she did very well. We plan to have all tests done by the end of August. This is a major milestone in our journey and we are looking forward to what God has in store for us next in the near future.

El Faro Baptist Church here in El Progreso had a youth conference in July. I got to help a bit; mostly I directed parking and greeted people. Amber was able to come as well, and she and the girls enjoyed talking to the teens and making new friends. There were several churches from the surrounding area that were able to come and the preaching was very good.

We have been taking part in a Bible Club which is held on Saturdays. This month I am leading the Bible club and the last week of July was our first time doing that. The morning went really well. The rain held off. I led the games and Amber (and Rosie) led the singing. I had a Bible lesson prepared, but a young man from the church had asked if he could teach the lesson, so I gave him the opportunity. He was so excited, and did a great job with the lesson. We are looking forward to seeing God raise up more young men and women in Honduras to bring the gospel to their country.

After the Bible Club we went to have lunch with a family from the church and although Sofia was timid at first she really opened up after a little while and used her Spanish with them. She is doing great with Spanish. The other week she explained to me that one of her friends from nursery at the church is her Spanish teacher just like mommy has a Spanish teacher. She understands there is a difference between Spanish and English, although sometimes she confuses which words are English and which are Spanish. Sometimes she mixes them together and invents new words, but what toddler doesn't invent new words? My personal favorite is her word for "thunder." She calls it, "Boomder."

Also apparently we have a pet Iguana now. The house next door to us has a big stack of concrete blocks in the backyard, and it is home to a large iguana. Often, when Sofia is supposed to be taking a nap, she looks out her window and spends an hour talking and singing to her "Juana", whom she insists is her best friend. We are thrilled that Sofia loves her home here in Honduras.

As much as we also love our home, we can't help thinking about the heavenly home that awaits us with Jesus, and we pray that someday we'll have the joy of seeing many Hondurans in that home with us. It will be thanks to your prayers as well and, as always, we are grateful for you. May the Lord bless you.

Serving Christ,

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