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Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and a Blessed New Year!

Hard to believe we are already half way through the first month of 2010.

Something I have had on my heart to share since December is the quote: "There is no place like home."

We had a wonderful and very busy time in the states. We were able to visit friends and family and go to the national missionary convention, visit our partner churches and brothers and sisters in ministry, as well as get in necessary doctor visits while there. That is as I said a good and wonderful thing.

But we still wanted to return home to Honduras. Where our lives are, our house is, our things are, our church family here in Honduras, our school students, etc.-----this is home for us here on earth. Where ever you are, whenever you are in God's will, is home here

on earth, and we love living and serving and worshipping our God here in Honduras.

That being said, even here, my heart still says, "There is no place like home." Even though I truly love my life in Honduras and I love my visits to the states where everyone

makes us feel at home----my soul yearns for our spiritual home. As the Bible says,

"we are aliens and strangers here."

"¹ For we know that when this earthly tent we live in is taken down (that is, when we die and leave this earthly body), we will have a house in heaven, an eternal body made for us by God himself and not by human hands. ² We grow weary in our present bodies, and we long to put on our heavenly bodies like new clothing. ³ For we will put on heavenly bodies; we will not be spirits without bodies. ⁴ While we live in these earthly bodies, we groan and sigh, but it's not that we want to die and get rid of these bodies that clothe us. Rather, we want to put on our new bodies so that these dying bodies will be swallowed up by life. ⁵ God himself has prepared us for this, and as a guarantee he has given us his Holy Spirit.

⁶ So we are always confident, even though we know that as long as we live in these bodies we are not at home with the Lord. ⁷ For we live by believing and not by seeing. ⁸ Yes, we are fully confident, and we would rather be away from these earthly bodies, for then we will be at home with the Lord." 2 Corinthians 5:1-8

This year I have a renewed sense of the importance to share the Lord Jesus with everyone, so they can know salvation, love, forgiveness, hope, and the assurance of a heavenly home. I want everyone I come in contact with to know they are chosen of God. God has chosen every one to be His, but not everyone chooses to be chosen. I want to share my awesome Lord with others so they will choose to be chosen. How wonderful to know that no matter what happens on the this earth or where we live on this earth, we have a hope that no one can ever take from us, a Living Hope, a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for us. (1 Peter :3-4)

I did not mean to go so long----my heart is just overflowing with a desire to share this life changing message to everyone God brings into my path. God has given me renewed strength and love and life and I want to do all I can to be used by Him for His honor and glory.

I pray that God will bless you and strengthen you and make His face shine upon you this year, so that His love will continue to shine out of you. Thank you for allowing that love to shine out of you into our lives and His work here in Honduras.

Thank you for continuing to partner with us and we are excited to see what God will do this New Year. He has already filled the church building we now rent and we are bursting at the seams. God is so good! Our ministry to men held its first meeting of the year with 20 men ready to grow in the Lord. Our last youth meeting we had over 30 young people. Our women's conference is this coming Saturday. It was great having our first visitors of the year from Angola, IN., who worked with us for a week. We have more coming to helps us out in February and March and April. All I can say is our God is so incredibly good and awesome. Also, thank you for allowing God to use you to make these things possible which are happening here! Thank you!

In Jesus love and service,

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