

Greeting to all in the love, grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It has been awhile since I last wrote.

It is not because there isn't much to tell, it is because I try to wait until God tells me it is time to write again. (Plus there are 3 exciting things happening here I have listed at the end of my comment.)

My last comment was lessons on the field.

So I guess this one should be another lesson from the field.

The lesson is "the need for encouragement"!

"But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called "Today," so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin." Hebrews 3:13

This verse is so important in our daily lives. As Christians we know we have an enemy who is prowling around like a lion looking for Christians to devour. This enemy, the father of lies, looks for any way and means possible to destroy each of us and our Christian brothers and sisters. The sad thing is that these attacks not only come from outside the church, but from inside also. Then there are times we just get tired and worn out. That is why we so desperately need to be encouraging one another. If we are not there to encourage one another and build one another up, then our hearts could very easily be hardened by the actions and behavior of others. We may want to give up, feel it's not worth it, or just get plain tired of doing what is right or good. That is why we must encourage---not complain, not whine, not gossip---**But in all things encourage one another in love!**

The Christian life is not always easy, a bed of rose petals or a bowl full of cherries. It is more like a bed of roses with thorns that sometimes poke or prick us, or a bowl full of cherries where sometimes you get the pits. We were never promised our Christian lives would be easy on this earth, (In this world you will have trials and tribulations, but take heart, I have overcome the world – **John 16:33**.) but we are promised at the end there will be a crown of life. And for the living part in the middle, God's Word does tell us how to live and offers us promises of help and strength.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 ¹¹"Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing."

Hebrews 10:24 "and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, ...encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near."

Hebrews 13:5-6 "He (Jesus) Himself has said, "I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU," ⁶so that we confidently say, "THE LORD IS MY HELPER, I WILL NOT BE AFRAID. WHAT WILL MAN DO TO ME?"

Romans 8:26-28 ²⁶In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. ²⁷And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will. ²⁸And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

John 14:16-17 “¹⁶I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; ¹⁷that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.

Matthew 11:28-29 “Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹“Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS.”

Galatians 6:9-10 “⁹Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary. ¹⁰So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith. “

There are so many more verses I could share on ENCOURAGEMENT, but you get the idea. We must wake up every morning and greet our Father and ask Him to show us who we can encourage today, while it is still called today. May God bless you with an encourager in your life and to be an encourager in the life of someone else.

I love you all!!!!

Thank you for your love, prayers, support and encouragement for us here in Honduras.

I would like to end with three very important things.

1. We have an incredible opportunity and blessing from God. A Christian brother in the states has offered the ministry \$50,000 in matching donations this year for our ministry building project. We could really use your help in this. For every dollar given, it will be matched by him up to \$50,000. God is so good and so incredible to use this man to bless the work here and it will be doubly blessed because of you. I know the financial situation now is not good, but if you could pray and ask God about giving to this project it would be greatly appreciated. Every dollar makes a difference, so it you can give \$1 it will become \$2. If you can give \$5 it will become \$10. If you give \$25 it will become \$50. Okay, you get it. It is just so exciting the possibility of what God can do with this. And your partnership in this is all the more exciting to see how God will work through this. All donations are tax-deductible. You can send them to our building fund at

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2. Which brings me to point number 2. Our new website is up and running. You can see pictures of the building project on there. You can see teams, updates, church growth, our church family and our personal family. You can get updates, like the 20 baptisms a couple weeks ago (the Lord is adding to His church daily those who are being saved.) The explosion in numbers on Sunday mornings---two Sundays ago we had 174---wow. If you know our present building—I am sure you are asking where did we put that many people? In Honduras there is a saying---“There is always room for one more.” So you make a way. God is incredible. Check out our website and see all that God is doing here. www.livinghopehonduras.com

Which now brings me to my last point. We also will be sending out within the next week our new online newsletter. If you would like to receive this newsletter, and we would love to have you receive it, please sign up for it on our website. We have over 100 signed up right now, and there is still time to sign up and receive the first issue email. Go to our website and move the

cursor to the topic “News”. Then in the list under news go to E-News letter to sign up. We look forward to hearing from you. After that, to get back to the home page to check out more stuff, just click on the Honduran flag.

In Jesus love and service,

Christine