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Honduras Facts

Population: 7,792,854

Language: Spanish

Climate: subtropical in lowlands, temperate in mountains

Religions: Roman Catholic 97%, Protestant 3%

Literacy: age 15 and over can read and write 80%

Currency: Lempiras (18 to ONE USD)

Terrain: Mostly mountains in interior, narrow coastal plains

Economy: 2nd poorest in Central America

Unemployment rate: 27.8%

Size: slightly larger than Tennessee



Returning to Honduras

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As most of you know, I returned from Honduras in December of 2008 where I was a foster parent for four adorable children. I am happy to report that I will return to Honduras in August 2009, this time to teach the Bible in English at the Academia Los Pineras, a bilingual Christian school in Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

My new position at Los Pineras gives me a great opportunity to serve Honduran missionaries as well as many children in and outside of the school where I will teach. While I am working and serving in these ways, I will also pursue my Masters of Divinity through online studies. My position as a Bible teacher pays a monthly stipend that covers my living needs, but in order to pursue additional ministry and education, I will need your help.

I am very excited at the opportunity that is before me. The students who go to this school are in some of the most influential families of the country: the nieces and nephews of the president as well as the children of the head of the navy. I look forward to being able to teach the Word of God to these children and pray that not only are they influenced but also their families might be influenced as well. In the future, I hope to be able to help build into Honduran pastors and train them biblically as there is not much formal biblical training in Central America. I expect to become fluent in Spanish through practice and lessons so that I might be able to minister better to more people.

In addition to teaching, I will have the flexibility and privilege of serving at an orphanage and/or low income school. I have already spoken with the director of Rancho Ebenezer, where I served for 4 months, and we are planning on starting a Boy Scout program for the younger children. If the Lord wills, I will be able to lead this new program and also train up an older boy who grew up at the ranch and is now in college to lead this program some day.

I have also spoken with one of the directors of the school that I visited right outside the city dump. This school was created to care for and educate the children who work and live in the dump. The director shared with me their need for after school activities as well as other programs in order to raise the quality of these children's lives. I have decided that I will spend the first few months getting a feel for my job as a Bible teacher and getting to know my students before I commit to any other ministries.

Would you support me in this vocation that God has called me to? I am praying that God would amaze me and show me what he can do in and through me. Would you pray for me? Would you commit to give monthly so that I will be able to minister to some of the poor of Honduras? Enclosed is an envelope that you can send your donation to. Cup of Cold Water Ministries will continue to be my sending missions organization as I serve in Honduras. Lastly, please feel free to contact me by email (bcarlson.tbc@gmail.com) and check out my website (www.bdcarlson.com).

Sincerely,

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