



Marie LEA WILSON DEAF Hondurans

...and they that have not heard shall understand. Romans 15:21



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In an effort to most effectively reach the Deaf population in El Progreso, Honduras, I have begun training a (hearing) Honduran couple to begin and lead a Deaf ministry. Though I've been teaching Marlon and Bridgy Sierra on a semi-weekly basis for over a year, this past March their schedule opened up and I began a "LESHO academy" with them. (LESHO is Honduran sign language.) Weekly, they have received 15-18 hours of LESHO/ Deaf ministry instruction, including immersion hours with local Deaf people, and classes on how to teach the Bible in LESHO. Plus, of course, homework. ☺ For me, coordinating the weekly classes and immersion visits has been an exciting challenge that would not have been possible without the year of personal LESHO immersion and Deaf networking accomplished in 2018.

The Sierra's 1-year curriculum also includes trips to various other Deaf ministries and churches in other cities to help them better understand what a Deaf ministry looks and "feels" like. Please pray for wisdom as I direct their studies, for open doors as we build relationships with local Deaf, for safety as we travel, for health for the Sierra's 3 young children, and for a clear vision as this ministry takes shape.



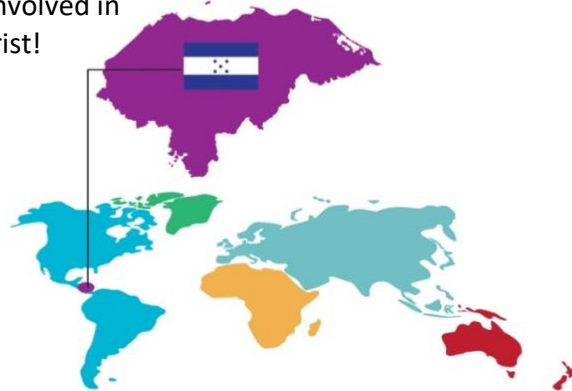
Flags representing foreign missions that our church financially supports.

Our church had its annual **Missions Conference** in March. It maybe

strange to think of a church overseas – that was started by missionaries – having a Missions Conference. After all, Missions Conferences encourage

people to pray for missionaries, give toward global missions, and even surrender to become a missionary, if God chooses to send them. We can't expect poor people from 3rd-world countries to give or go, can we?

If the Bible was written for all, then the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) was written to every Christian. God calls His people to pray, give, and even go, whether they walk, or drive to work; whether they sleep on the floor, or in a 3-story home. And God rewards faithfulness, whether we are American or Honduran; hearing or deaf. What a blessing to see these people's enthusiasm to be involved in reaching a lost world for Christ!



Above: Visiting with a Deaf couple in my home (Sierras on right).
Below: Attending a Deaf church's youth group in another city.



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