



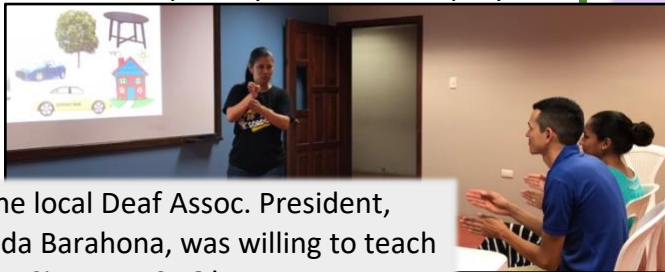
# Marie LEAF DEAF Hondurans

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



June, 2018

I continue to shadow a local **Deaf educational program** with the goal of learning LESHO (Honduran Sign Language) fluently. Thank you for your prayers for language acquisition. I believe I'm currently at about a 70% level of LESHO fluency. Thank you, too, for your prayers regarding Deaf relationships. So far, I believe I have established and maintained positive working relationships with all of the Deaf leaders in this community, including our city's Deaf association president. This is especially an answer to prayer, as that means it will be easier to develop trusting relationships with the rest of the Deaf as we proceed.



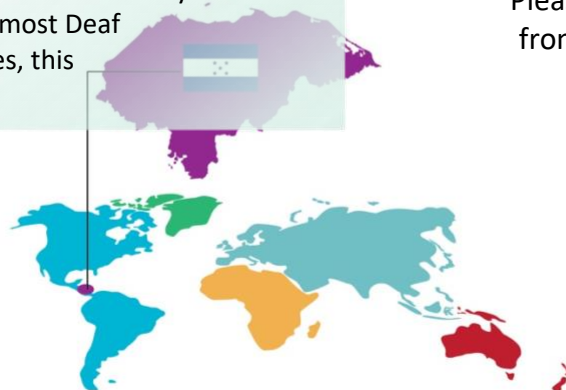
The local Deaf Assoc. President, Elda Barahona, was willing to teach the Sierras LESHO!

A sweet, godly, Honduran young couple who are members of Iglesia Bautista el Faro (Lighthouse Baptist Church) have begun working with me to develop the Deaf ministry. **Marlon and Bridgy Sierra** are in their mid-20s and have 2 children with one on the way. I feel privileged to work with the Sierras, and covet your prayers for them as they begin to learn Deaf culture and LESHO (Honduran Sign Language) with me. Marlon hopes to graduate from our Bible Institute by the end of this year, and be ordained as the Deaf Pastor.

An interesting **cultural difference** here in Honduras is how you tell someone you are arriving at their home. In the USA, you knock on someone's door, but in many Latin countries, including Honduras, homes are surrounded by a tall metal or cement fence. In addition, dogs and/or barbed wire are also common around homes. Instead of knocking, people commonly yell, "Buenas!" (A simple way of saying "Good morning," or "Good afternoon.") Of course, when visiting the Deaf, they can't hear a knock or a verbal greeting, so we commonly text them. If they don't have signal at their home, you then have to yell "Buenas!" so a hearing person will hear you and then they will find the Deaf person. Since most Deaf people live with hearing relatives, this is usually a simple solution.



Our Team Honduras is excited to welcome a 4<sup>th</sup> family to our team. **Nate and Cori Mortenson** arrived May 29<sup>th</sup>, and plan to be involved in church ministries and local public school evangelism (after language school). Please pray for a smooth transition and favor from government officials in regards to their residency process. They have 4 children: Mykenzie, Grant, Blake, and Savannah.



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