



Marie LEA DEAF Hondurans

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



I hosted a Deaf women's manicure/**pedicure party** at my little townhouse on Oct 5th, which was a national holiday here. The purpose was simply to help the women become acquainted with where I live and develop a friendship, as most

of my interaction with them is in a classroom setting 2 days/week, where we are fellow students. To my surprise, 10 of the 12 women who I invited, came! Several husbands and boyfriends of the Deaf women also showed up, and, since there was no room inside, they chatted on my porch. This was a big deal: The Deaf community is often close and exclusive, but a few of the more shy Deaf counted me in as one of "them" after this event. Thank you for praying for wisdom in our interactions!



I've been hearing animals crawl around in my attic, daily, since soon after I moved in (last August). I went up and looked around, and discovered I had several **colonies of bats** happily living in my attic! After 12 different attempts at getting rid of them between myself, my landlady, contracted workers, and professional exterminators, we were still unsuccessful. Finally, a man from our church went up and finished the job. An interesting cultural difference here is that hired workers expect you to follow them around, and, indeed, if the job will be done right, you must follow them around, checking on their work. Therefore, I have come to know my attic (and roof) very well throughout this 14-month process. Please continue to pray for safety. (Don't worry, I got the rabies vaccine. ☺)

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I have begun **interpreting church services** every Sunday morning for a Deaf couple who decided to start coming in September (see my October blog on marieleawilson.com/home). This has been a new experience for our church, and they have embraced it well. A few have asked the Deaf couple for a personal "sign name" (a special sign to represent one's name). Others have invited the husband, Donald, to the church's weekly soccer game. This is perfect, as Donald is in charge of our city's Deaf soccer team! (Imagine the future opportunities for evangelism there!) It has been a fun challenge for me, learning how to interpret from Spanish into LESHO (Honduran Sign Language) and explain words or concepts that don't have signs in LESHO yet. I appreciate the patience on all sides, and your prayers for clarity.



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