



Marie LEAF DEAF Hondurans

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



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Perfecting the Language: Through local church connections, I was able to find a linguistics-certified Spanish grammar tutor who is helping me fill in the gaps of what I have learned on my own. We meet once a week. He is a Christian and offered the lessons for free! So, I pay Mr. Alberto in cookies ☺, and practice what I learn as I chat with his family (who attend our church) before and after lessons.



Spanish grammar lessons

Prayers for Plans: As I am being immersed in Honduran culture, the Spanish language, the city of El Progreso, and the local ministries of my team and church, God has also consistently placed several Deaf people in my path. I have learned several Honduran signs, and have had the opportunity to discuss religion with one girl, already. I covet your prayers for wisdom as we plan to begin a Deaf ministry next year, here at Beacon Baptist Church under pastor/missionary Matt Goins.

Residency Runs: In January, I asked for prayer regarding my Honduran residency. I have submitted all the paperwork I can, but due to circumstances out of my control, the process has been delayed for several months. This simply means I have to return to the immigration office every 1-2 months to request an extension in my stay here. Two weeks ago I went to the office (a 35-min drive from my city), met with a lawyer, and the process went very smoothly. It would be a blessing if the process were completed before the elections at the end of this year; as I am told that could delay it – again – considerably. Thank you for your continued prayers.

Time to Teach: Currently, the majority of my time is spent monitoring homeschool classes and teaching a few classes (in Spanish & English) for 5 teenaged students in the Hope of Honduras Children’s Home. This has provided an excellent opportunity for me to learn Honduran history and geography – among other subjects – right along with them! Additionally, I’ve enjoyed teaching a 2 & 3 year-old Sunday School class, teaching older children special music to sing for services, and assisting with various medical questions before & after church services. I’m looking forward to several outreach opportunities this summer.



Teaching a 2 & 3 year-old Sunday School class.



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