



# Marie LEAF Hondurans

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

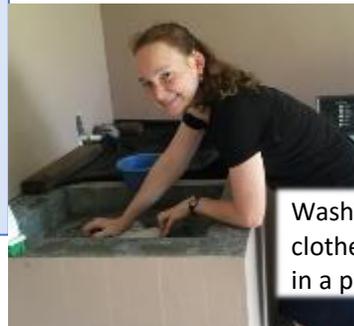


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Once a month I join our church's ministry of **hospital visitation**. Three to 4 church ladies visit patients in the local hospital. We distribute toiletries while sharing the Gospel with patients and family. (In public hospitals in Honduras, toiletries such as soap, shampoo, and deodorant are not provided.) In June I met a 60+ year old gentleman in the hospital where he was recovering from a recent leg amputation due to a motorcycle accident. He listened carefully to the message of how Jesus came to die so that we might live forever. He chose to accept Christ and then immediately asked about church transportation. Though I explained our church has no bus route to his neighborhood, as it is quite a distance from our church, he asked, "but can I still come to your church just to visit?" Of course I told him yes, as well as explained how he could get in contact with a church in his area. What a blessing to watch God change his heart; in just a few minutes from a man uninterested in church to one who wants to visit. Praise God!

Life hasn't slowed down since finishing Spring school classes for the Hope of Honduras Children's Home. With school over I now fill the time I used for teaching with **ministry**. I've recently enjoyed going on soul-winning and literature distribution trips, and tutoring some Christian young people in science, Bible, piano, drama and English. It's exciting to see God use skills I learned as a teenager and young adult to lead people to Christ and edify the church. And of course, I continue with my own Spanish learning. The Spanish grammar tutoring lessons I am taking from a local Christian are going well, and I continue to improve in spoken & written Spanish.

Thank you for your prayers.



Washing clothes in a pila.

In El Progreso, Honduras, electricity and water are commonly connected to a commercially-built house, but *having* consistent water and electricity is a different matter entirely.

Since water is often cut due to a multitude of reasons – or, seemingly, for no reason at all – all homes are built with a **"pila."** This cement water reservoir also serves as a clothes washing station, and as a place where some occasionally wash dishes, or even their small children! Here, in the home I share with 2 women, we have a washer and dryer and I am free to use them. However, being only one person, it has made more sense to hand-wash my few clothes once or twice a week in the pila. It's a great workout, and sometimes serves as a mental break when my brain hurts from studying Spanish grammar or preparing English class curriculum!



A homemade game such as naming household items helps students learn vocabulary.

I have begun teaching **English classes** through the Church/ Bible Institute here as an evangelistic opportunity. This has been a new experience for me, and I have learned volumes. (See my blog post: "Latest Adventure...")

Many people have shown interest in coming to the 6-week classes. In addition, I look forward to using what I learn in these classes to teach Honduran Sign Language in the future.



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