



Marie LEA DEAF Hondurans



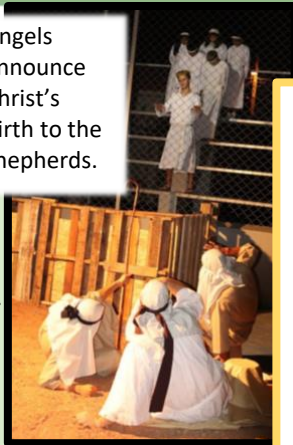
...and they that have not heard shall understand. Romans 15:21

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Our church here in El Progreso, Beacon Baptist Church, presented its first-

ever **Living Nativity** this Christmas. We had 22 actors (including actor replacements), security staff, refreshments crew, hospitality/evangelism team, nursery workers, a calf, a pony, 3 sheep, 2 doves, and a **miniature female donkey & foal (see picture)**. I served as the director/coordinator. Actors mimed to the narration of Luke 2 and John 3, presenting a 12-minute reenactment of the birth of Christ and Jesus' discussion with Nicodemus about the new birth. This was repeated 11 times over two nights in an enclosed soccer court. What a blessing to work with my church family towards a common goal of reaching our community with the Gospel!

Angels announce Christ's birth to the shepherds.



Around 200 people walked through the "Israeli" scenes, hearing the Christmas story and plan of salvation straight from God's Word. A Honduran TV station also came and recorded the entire drama, and then interviewed our Pastor, who shared the Gospel! Please pray that the seed of God's Word "takes root" in the lives of those who heard. (Matt 13:23)

It was a blessing to **visit my family** in MD for a few days over Thanksgiving. I stayed at my parent's home and enjoyed catching up with my brothers, some of whom have recently moved out, having graduated from college and begun working. My father is in a time of transition, too, as he retires from his job of 28 years (selling tax forms and other paper products). It was good to see my sister-in-law; she and my oldest brother, Matthew, **(picture on right)** are expecting their first child this month, which means I am soon to be an aunt! Grateful my family supports my work in Honduras, even though it means I am not home for every holiday. Thank you for your prayers for them.



On November 9, classes ended at the local Deaf program. (The school year runs Jan – Nov in most schools.) I shadowed there, 2 days/week, since March. I am now fluent in Honduran Sign Language and continue to build relationships with the **Deaf people** I met through this weekly interaction. I continue to interpret Sunday services when Deaf attend our church, and continue to train the Sierra family (a Honduran couple in our church) in Honduran Sign Language and Deaf ministry philosophy. Please pray for wisdom as we navigate the many decisions that need to be made as a Deaf ministry is established.



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