



Marie LEA WILSON DEAF Hondurans

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



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God has graciously provided a wonderful **place for me to live!** I rent a bedroom and share a kitchen in a house with three Christian ladies located very close (3-minute drive) from the church and children's home where I consistently serve. It's also close to the grocery store and other necessities (bank, gas station, etc.). I was able to **purchase a vehicle** (Nissan Qashqai) that serves me well on



the bumpy roads. Thank you for contributing to my Start-Up fund!

One struggle that plagues missionaries to the Deaf around the world is the **vast educational differences** among Deaf people. I have already experienced this here in the last few weeks. The first Deaf person I met last month was a woman who had never been taught any sign language. She only slightly understood that my hand motions were an attempt at communication. Hardly a week later (and within 15 min drive from that woman) I met a Deaf man who not only was fluent in Honduran Sign Language, but was also conversant in American Sign Language, and plans to graduate soon with a Doctorate in Dentistry! Obviously, communication with these individuals would be very different, and almost impossible to do simultaneously (as in a Deaf ministry setting). Please pray for wisdom as I learn how to best interact with such extremes in language and education.

I can't wait to start sharing the Gospel with the Deaf in Honduras! However, as I have shared with many churches, I have been counseled to immerse myself first in the hearing Honduran culture, language (Spanish), local church, and neighborhood for at least a year before attempting to learn Honduran Sign Language (LESHO).

My immersion has begun! I am assisting as a school teacher/monitor in the Hope Children's Home (a ministry of Team Honduras). I currently work with 5 students in 7th and 8th grade; 4 days a week, 6-7 hours/day. I absolutely love it! After school, I give piano lessons to 9 students. I'm also assisting in a Sunday school class, Saturday Bible club, and other ministries. It has been wonderful to develop a weekly routine and begin to acclimatize to my new city and team. Please pray for wisdom and patience during this time of adjustment.

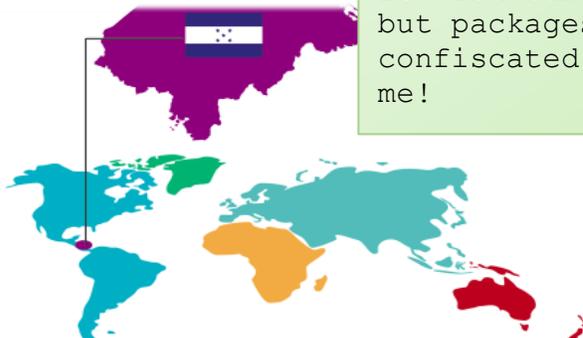


Monitoring 8th grade students.

Many people have asked how they can send me **messages or packages**. Facebook Messenger or email (below) is the best means of fast communication. (My US cell number only works if I am physically in the US.) For letters or packages, please contact me; we have frequent US visitors, and sending something to me with a visitor is usually safer and faster than mailing it. You can use my Field Address below, but packages may be delayed or confiscated. Thank you for thinking of me!

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