January 2025

Bridges2Honduras



Thank you for your continued prayers on our behalf.

Below is a list of our daily prayer requests.

Sunday Praise God for the souls he is adding to His kingdom

Monday Outreach to the Young Adults

Tuesday Praise God for the growth in faith of local believers

Wednesday Individual Bible studies

Thursday Praise God for the dedication and efforts of the AIMers

Friday Those touched by the *R.A.D.I.C.A.L. school program*

Saturday Growth of the Youth Program

Bible Camp

Every January Mission UpReach provides a Bible Camp experience for three age groups of children. The first week is for the youngest group of campers, ages 9-11, followed by the second oldest, ages 12-14, and the third week with those ages 15-18. In the past, available spaces were more limited, but this year, we were able to send thirty-eight campers over the three weeks. We were most excited about the last two weeks, as most of the thirty-two teenagers who attended from Corquín those weeks are not members of the church, and many have not yet become a part of our youth program. This provides such an amazing outreach and connection for us.

One of the exciting things about this year's camp is that members of our AIM and RADICAL teams served as counselors throughout each week. They got to spend time with each camper from Corquín in a special way, and we are praying that the relationships formed will serve as an open door into their lives and the lives of their families. Please join us in this prayer.

Another wonderful thing camp brings is the opportunity to invite the participants and their families to church for a camp video and celebration on the Sunday following the last week of camp. This took place on the last Sunday of this month. Those that came showed an interest in attending again. We plan to visit the families of every participant, offering to pray with them, invite them to church, and hopefully make a personal connection with them. Please pray for this as well.

Above are some photos from camp and from our Sunday Camp Celebration. Those in the photo with the cakes are the counselors and campers who are from Corquín and who attended that Sunday.

Three Funerals in Two Days

Within two days, the brother of Carlos, one of our RADICAL teachers, the sister of Mina, and the uncle of Flor died. The family members of Mina and Flor had been sick for some time, but Carlos' brother's death was unexpected. The following two days were filled with attending the wakes and burials of these individuals while trying to provide the love, comfort, and support that our hurting family members needed. We ask that you raise up these individuals and their families to our Father in prayer knowing only He can provide the peace they need at this time.



A Quick Trip to the States

Kris travelled to the States to celebrate her mom's 85th birthday with her sister and brother. Seeing her mom every year on her birthday is a priority for Kris and we are thankful she was able to make the trip. The bonus to this trip was seeing Matt and Mason, two of our sons, Abbey, our daughter-in-law, our two grandchildren, and a few of Kris' friends before heading up to Oregon to visit her mom.



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New Ladies Night Series

The women's ministry committee decided to begin a study on the women of the Bible. Last year we asked for input from the women on topics they would like to study, and this was one of them. Kris started with Mary, the mother of Jesus, and other women signed up for the following six weeks. Ana, a Christian who is eighteen years old and one of the newest members of RADICAL chose to do a lesson, her first, on Ruth. She came by the house to get some help, but she didn't need much! God has blessed her with a gift of teaching. Those teaching have shared with Kris how much they are learning as they prepare for their lessons and that they are enjoying the process. We are so proud of the growth of these precious sisters.



One of our recent ladies' nights

Just Because...

Just for the fun of it, we thought we would share some random things from our life this month.

In the past, we have had "unwanted visitors" in our home like snakes and tarantulas, but this month we "hosted" a scorpion! We aren't good hosts though. We promptly showed him the door!

The next was a nice surprise. Mike went out the back door and found a large avocado that had fallen from our tree. The surprise part is that it's not avocado season until June and there are only blossoms on the tree. We took this as a great reminder that God's provision is always in season.



