# August 2024 hope FORTHE HONDURAS

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:16). We are so very thankful for the opportunities we have to be the beacons of hope for the people in Honduras and to glorify our Father in heaven for all the great things He has done through the ministry. We are also thankful to the many who have partnered with us financially and prayerfully as we serve together to make Christ known and to grow His kingdom across the world.

## **Celebration of Culture**

Lempira Day is a Honduran Holiday celebrated annually in Honduras on July 20. It is dedicated to the indigenous leader of the Lenca people who led the resistance against the Spanish conquistadors in the 1530's. Their Honduran currency is called the lempira in honor of their national hero. On this day the children in the schools across the country dress up in traditional costumes. Many of the costumes are made with traditional materials and decorated with dried beans, rice and corn. There are traditional ceremonies, folk dances and educational exhibitions to celebrate the legacy of Lempira.



#### **Time of Reflection and Inspiration**

We were able to spend a few days in Tennessee with our fellow missionaries from Ukraine, the Kisarets family and our president of Hope for the World, Inc., Jimmy Franks and his family from Paducah Kentucky. What a great time of fun and fellowship! Please pray for the Kisarets and their family as they head back home soon, as Vova serves as a hospital and frontline military chaplain in their war-torn country.



### <u>Praise Reports:</u>

- Marsha's outpatient surgery went well and her annual MRI results were good.
- The birth of our great granddaughter Lainee James King on May 24.
- The Cofradia Church in the village continues to flourish and grow, and we praise God for 9 more salvations! Many have earned a certificate of completion through the discipleship program. The weekly home groups continue to meet and grow spiritually through Bible study and prayer.
- The fence around the property completed to secure the High School.

#### Prayer Requests:

- Safe travels as we return to Honduras on August 28.
- $\cdot$  Opportunities to share Jesus and the Gospel with the many people in Tatumbla, as the Lord continues to build a strong Christian community.
- $\cdot$  The financial provisions for the Manna Feeding Project and the Hope for the World High School to be met.
- The funds for the Cofradia Church building and construction.
- Our daughter Shannon as she has an upcoming surgery.
- The upcoming Dove Shoot Fundraiser held at Hartland Farms on September 7th.



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