

Montoya Minutes - September 2022



Greetings, Brethren!

We arrived home to Honduras following the Idaho missions conference just in time to buy groceries and prepare food for Thanksgiving! It was a special time of celebration with our family and the international students who live on campus, as well as some of our Honduran brethren. They enjoyed trying all the traditional Thanksgiving foods!

On November 26, we received word that a dear brother in Christ, Jan Céspedes, who Carlos went to seminary with, had entered into the presence of the Lord after a lengthy battle with cancer. This dear friend is no longer sick and suffering. He is experiencing fullness of joy in the Lord's presence! Several months ago, when he could hardly breath or speak, Jan called Carlos and asked him to preach the gospel in Spanish at his funeral. He had a number of Hispanic employees and was burdened for them to hear the good news of God's amazing grace and saving faith in Christ. The memorial service took place this past Saturday, which was the same day as our seminary graduation. Though it was difficult for Carlos to miss the graduation, he definitely wanted to fulfill Jan's desire, so he traveled to California, to carry out the precious privilege of preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ in Spanish at Jan's memorial service. Jan had a tremendous heart for our seminary and in fact was a great financial supporter, who even visited here various times. In this year's graduating class, our very first student from Cuba graduated with magna cum laude honors, and it was Jan that provided for this student to study in the seminary these past four years! Isn't that incredible?! It was definitely an emotional day for all of us! It is tremendous to see what the Lord can do through lives that are yielded to live and even die for His glory. Please pray for the Céspedes family and also for the seminary graduates!

We are now anticipating the sweet celebration of our Savior's birth and

It is our joy and privilege to pray for you too. Indeed, our story could not be told without YOU and your crucial role of praying for us and providing for us to serve the Lord here in Honduras. We send you our love and sincere thanks! We pray that you have a wondrous, worshipful Christmas season!

With much love,
The Montoyas



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For more than 20 years, the Montoyas have served the Lord in the country of Honduras. Carlos is the President of *MEDA* in the city of Siguatepeque, a ministry that serves all Latin America, offering an M. Div. degree through the *Seminary for Expository Preaching* (SEPE).

He is also an elder at *Betania Baptist Church*, preaching and teaching regularly. Lori cares for the family and serves in hospitality and ministries with women and children. Carlos and Lori have 7 children, 2 still at home (Sara and Abi) and 6 grandchildren.

Above all, we desire your faithful prayers, but if you would like to contribute to our ministry either by a one-time gift or monthly support, please send checks designated:

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