

Montoya Minutes - December 2023



Christmas Greetings Family and Friends,

O LORD, You are my God; I will exalt You, I will give thanks to Your name; For You have worked wonders, plans formed long ago with perfect faithfulness.

-Isaiah 25:1

Our hearts are rejoicing with great joy over the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Emmanuel - God with Us! The Lamb! The Light! Our Redeemer! Our Hope! He Who Alone is Worthy of Worship!

We want to thank you so much for your prayers on behalf of our family. In our last prayer letter, we had specifically asked prayer for the safe arrival of two new family members...



Our son, Jeremy and his wife, Andrea, welcomed Leandro Santiago Montoya on November 21! He was born as we were in flight from Honduras to Miami, Florida! We went directly to the hospital to meet him when he was just a few hours old! Andrea had a very long labor and ultimately had to have a cesarean delivery. Leandro had to spend a few days in NICU. We are so thankful they are all doing very well now!

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After welcoming Leandro, Carlos returned to Honduras for the SEPE seminary graduation! Always a grand finale event each year that fills our hearts with such joy! SEPE Honduras graduated 16 men! We rejoice in how God sustained these men through their years of study. What a joy it was to be involved in their lives and their training, to see their growth in knowing Scripture and loving our Savior.



On December 16, we flew to NC, arriving to Lori's parents' home a little after midnight. Our daughter, Leslie, then went into labor and she and her husband Luke welcomed Theophilus Joel Giraudeau at 11:52am on

minutes before he was born!

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We are so humbled, comforted, and awed by our wonder-working God Who carries out His plans in perfect faithfulness! May we be found faithful in our worship, obedience, and service to Him - "hasta el final" (until the end)!

We are privileged right now to care for Lori's parents as they both go through some difficult health trials. I, Lori, am writing this brief greeting/update from the hospital where my mom is being treated for a urinary tract infection and dehydration. Even in this season of life, God is perfectly faithful. Please pray for our wisdom in their care...especially as we return to Honduras in early January to continue serving in our precious local church and MEDA/SEPE, beginning our 24th year!

Thank you so much for your prayers and financial generosity that make our ministry possible! To our PERFECTLY FAITHFUL GOD be ALL GLORY!!!

Exalting and Giving thanks to our God,

The Montoyas

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