

Montoya Minutes - September 2022



## ***Greetings, Brothers and Sister!***

It is such a privilege to be family and to greet you as brothers and sisters because of the love the Father has lavished on us, making us His children through our common faith in Christ! We are so strengthened and encouraged by His love! We are so humbled that along with you, God would allow us “to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge!”

We are rejoicing in a precious family time celebrating the wedding of our daughter Leslie to Luke Giraudeau on January 1 in Honduras! Though we were deeply saddened that our son Jonathan and his wife and two sons were unable to travel due to Covid, we were so grateful they could share in the festivities through technology! We even included them in all the wedding photos by holding an iPad with them on the screen via FaceTime... not what we had imagined, but an opportunity to sweetly submit to our Sovereign Savior and His perfect plans to conform us all to greater usefulness for His glory! We were overwhelmed by the love of brethren who served in so many ways to accomplish this beautiful event!

We are also rejoicing over a new seminary year underway! We started the year with a powerful elective module on the sovereignty of God taught by Dr. Bruce Ware! About 60 men attended! Dr. Ware's classes were recorded if you are interested in listening to his thorough teaching of this profound truth! He is a gifted communicator and God gave us a gifted translator to share this truth with our students!

We rejoice that God has brought 12 new students to the seminary this year, making a total of 58 students in SEPE's 4-year program. We have a new student from Colombia! He, along with his wife and 6-year-old daughter, sold all their belongings to move to Honduras to study the life-giving, life-changing Word of the living God! We rejoice in their great faith in our great God!

traveled to NC to serve and minister to Lori's parents for three weeks. We are thankful the Lord allowed us this opportunity as a family to travel and serve the Lord and family in this special way. Please pray for us to always serve with love, wisdom, and humility. In this special "season", we have been so strengthened by the Lord and by the brethren coming alongside to pray for us and provide for us and serve with us in ministering to Lori's parents! It is a team effort, and the Lord is using our immediate family and our "extended" family in Christ to carry out His plans and purposes!

Carlos was thankful to be able to attend the Courageous Churchmen Conference in Jupiter, Florida, during our time in the States. This was such an edifying conference, and a real joy to attend along with our son, Jonathan, and our sons-in-law, Edwin and Luke. Carlos was especially thankful to have a representation of 7 men from Honduras at this years' conference! What a rich time of encouragement in the Word and fellowship with likeminded brethren!

Even while we were away, we were thankful to be involved in our church and MEDA/SEPE from afar. We rejoice in the opportunity to participate through technology! Carlos was involved in meetings and correspondence and counseling. Lori was able to participate in the seminary wives Bible study that takes place through Zoom each month! We love the ministries that God has called us to! We are humbled that He would make us His own and help us to carry out the good works that He prepared beforehand for us!

We give thanks to the Lord for traveling mercies and for the joy of visiting family in the States and now the joy of being back in Home Sweet Honduras! We really want to love and serve the Lord and others with all our heart wherever we are, all the time!

To God be the glory,  
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.

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