

Montoya Minutes - November 2023



## *Greetings Loved Ones,*

Our hearts are filled with gratitude to God for HIS great faithfulness! Our hearts are also filled with gratitude to God for YOUR great faithfulness! Thank you for your prayers and financial support that allow us the great privilege of participating in God's work in Honduras!



The summer was so full and so fruitful! Glory to God! We were able to connect with many saints as MEDA hosted 14 different short-term ministry teams and several interns who engaged in exciting ministry opportunities at MEDA and local churches. It was a special joy to welcome many visitors into our home for fellowship/singing/testimony times!



We especially enjoyed housing various guests, including our son,

our blond-haired, blue-eyed grandchildren, especially alongside of our four Honduran grandchildren, the Zelayas!

Sara and Abi have the tremendous opportunity to be involved with the short-term ministry teams as translators! They enjoy this so much and they always learn so much! In fact, this week Abi is translating for a medical brigade of eye doctors at our church clinic! This has been a special joy and blessing for all our children growing up here through the years!

Sara will not be translating for this particular brigade because she just started a job teaching English at a local Christian bilingual school! We are thankful for this great opportunity the Lord has provided for her. Please pray for her wisdom and daily discipleship and gospel impact in the lives of her students!

Speaking of students, we are in our final module for 2023 with the SEPE seminary students! So hard to believe! Carlos is delighting in the edifying experience of evaluating the preaching of the fourth-year students who are about to graduate on December 1! Each of the 17 men must preach a series of three sermons! It's exciting to see all that they have learned in their time of study here! Please pray for them as they end their studies here and launch out into a lifetime of studying God's Word to preach Christ with power, passion, and precision! We look forward to having Pastor Jerry Wragg here as our commencement speaker for this year's graduation activities! Please pray for this big event and for our daughter, Kimberly as she helps with organizing it!

We love our students and graduates and enjoy developing sweet, lasting relationships with them! One of the most special aspects of this is visiting their communities and churches, both near and far! Carlos has had several opportunities recently to travel and teach conferences here in Honduras and in Peru! We are so thankful for God's protection and strength for these teaching times! It is definitely encouraging for Carlos to fellowship with saints that are so eager to learn God's Word! Please pray as Carlos has another such conference this Saturday in an area about 2 hours away!



We are also thankful for the conferences and rich teaching that take place right here on campus! We recently had the privilege of hosting David Robles from Spain, who taught on “The Essential Church”! Dr. Michael Grisanti and Dr. David Hegg were also here recently for a week-long elective course on Biblical ethics and worldview! Tremendous teaching!

These conferences also serve as opportunities for men to learn about the seminary! Please pray for the Lord to send those whom He has called for His service! We are anticipating about 15 new students for the coming year that will begin in January with an elective module with Pastor Alexander Strauch!

Please pray for our local church ministry at Betania where Carlos has just begun a Sunday School series on the precious, God-exalting doctrines of grace! May our Gracious Lord and Savior be glorified in our church, in HIS church, near and far! Many of you often ask about Pastor Raul’s health. He continues to be in a delicate state of health with many limitations, but his life “preaches”! He is able to be involved in the elder meetings! Our son-in-law, Edwin, one of the elders of the church, does much of the weekly preaching. We are also blessed as a church to have several seminary graduates and students participating in teaching/preaching/shepherding roles within our church (Wednesday nights, youth group, visitation, etc.). We love our local church body and it’s one of our greatest joys as a family to be involved in sharing life with these saints day in and day out!

Church life is vital! You all are vital to us being here in Honduras! Thank you again for your prayers and financial assistance! The Lord is faithful in answering your prayers!

In our last letter we specifically asked prayer for our daughter, Marcy and her husband, Ryan, as they moved to the DC area with Ryan’s job. We are thankful for their smooth transition and that they have been able to find a new church home at Cascades Bible Church!

Please continue to pray for the safe arrival of two new grandchildren the Lord has added to our family! Jeremy and Andrea’s baby is anticipated

soon to welcome these new little ones and to lend some helping hands!  
 We anticipate a meaningful family Christmas in NC with Lori's parents this year. We so appreciate your prayers!

How can we pray for you?! We love you and appreciate you and it is our privilege to pray for you as well!

By His Grace and For His Glory,  
 The Montoyas



**Pray for the MONTOYAS**

**TRAINING PASTORS. STRENGTHENING CHURCHES**

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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