

Montoya Minutes - October 2024



Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

What a tremendous blessing to truly experience the global church of the Lord Jesus Christ! We are keenly aware of this as we interact with believers from so many different places. The seminary ministry brings students and professors from various parts of the globe. The short-term ministry teams represent churches from all over the United States. We are also blessed and enriched by the relationships with our supporting churches. And of course, our local church body here in Siguatepeque is so, so precious. These are the believers we most get to “do life” with! All glory be to Christ for His church!

The Lord promises to build His church, and He is doing that very visibly in our midst! We have experienced tremendous growth in our local church body... numerically and most importantly, spiritually! This growth of course brings tremendous responsibility. Please pray for our elders. Pastor Raúl continues to have serious health issues. He is often unable to attend church, but his life “preaches”. He prays and participates in elders’ meetings and has such a shepherd’s heart. Carlos and our son-in-law, Edwin continue as the main preaching/teaching elders and now we have added a new elder, Jimmy Matute. He is a graduate of our seminary and has pastoral experience. We give thanks to the Lord for this team of men He has established.



Ministry at the seminary is going well! This week it is a joy to have Alexander Strauch here to teach an elective module on Biblical Eldership. There is much excitement about this course and many of our graduates are joining our current students in participating in this class!



There are new and exciting things happening in relation to Christ building His church in Cuba! Carlos has the opportunity to teach a conference there the beginning of May. Please pray for the necessary visa to come through for this ministry endeavor.

We recently returned from a trip to the U.S. where Carlos had the opportunity to preach at a conference in California for Hispanic church leaders. He also got to preach at several supporting churches! These are such encouraging times with the body of Christ!



We had the precious privilege of spending time with all our children and grandchildren that live in the U.S. In the Lord's lovingkindness, He allowed us to be there to share in the joy of welcoming a new grandson, Nolan Scott Montoya, born to Jonathan and Madison. We give thanks for the safe arrival of this precious new family member! Please pray for Jonathan and Madison in this joyful transition!



We experienced the Lord's supernatural sustaining grace and comfort for our family as we shared in the grief of Marcy and Ryan experiencing a miscarriage during our time there. It is precious to see the great faith and trust in the Lord that Marcy and Ryan have displayed. Please pray for their ongoing healing and comfort.

Through the joys and sorrows along life's journey, it is sweet to see the love of the family – both the Montoya family and the family of God! We are

verses of Scripture. Glory to God for His church!

We had the privilege to minister to Lori's parents in NC. They continue to face great health challenges. This season of life is difficult, but we are thankful for their faith in Christ.



We are thankful that Carlos' parents and brother were not affected by the recent hurricane that ripped through the Tampa Bay area. "Papito" and "Mamita" are currently Stateside for some medical appointments. They are planning to return to Honduras in a few weeks.

Thank you for your faithful prayers on our behalf, as well as your generous financial support. How can we be praying for you, Brothers and Sisters?!

*"Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever.
Amen."*

Ephesians 3:20-21

By His Amazing Grace,
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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