

## Zelaya Update August 2022:

- Family
  - Doing well.
  - Homeschool year started 8/15
    - Lukas – 4<sup>th</sup> grade – 9 years old
    - Lia - 2nd grade - 6 years old
    - Levi – Kindergarten – 4 years old
    - Logan – Chaotic Cuteness
  - Zelaya financial support level is good at present.
- MEDA
  - There are 15 1<sup>st</sup> year students who started in January with Exposition and Hermeneutics. Edwin has them for Greek. 1<sup>st</sup> Greek module was June. August is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Greek module. There will be a 3<sup>rd</sup> Greek module before the end of 2022.
    - 1 student from El Salvador
    - 1 student from Peru
    - 1 student from Guatemala
    - 12 students from Honduras
  - Having the students back on campus is very good. It enables Edwin to build strong mentoring relationships with the students that continues outside of Greek class and into future years.
  - All 15 students are doing well. They are a great group of students.
- Iglesia Betania
  - Edwin and Kimberly lead the Young Marrieds group at Betania. 14 couples regularly join Edwin and Kimberly for Bible study, discussion, questions, and prayer every other Sunday night. The group is going really well. They are growing in parenting and in their marriages. Several of the men serve as deacons and others are leading their families well.
    - There are lots of kids and the Montoya's provide a children's programs for the Sunday night meetings.
    - Many of the families are financially challenged but continue serving.
    - Some of the couples were originally in the church youth group when Edwin was leading it directly. Others have joined recently and there are new believers.
    - The Young Marrieds comprise about 50% of the families in the church.
  - Raul had been seriously sick at the beginning of August, going to San Pedro Sula for medical care. He is back home now, but not fully recovered. He remains in bed and may not recover. This has brought a lot of medical expenses. Betania church is helping him with those expenses.
  - Fernando (Raul's younger son) has been running the church's medical clinic for a year and a half now. The clinic is growing in number of patients cared for. The clinic also has an administrator doing a great job.
  - The church is growing in numbers. Men are helping to lead the church. Church finances are doing well.
  - Edwin is also leading the College & Career group at church.
- Trip
  - Zelaya's arrive in Oakland Saturday, 9/3. They leave from Oakland Saturday, 9/10, headed to Seattle area and also to a new church in Idaho.
- Prayer
  - Pray for salvation of kids.
  - Logan requires a lot of time and energy.
  - Pray for decisions about housing. Zelaya's would benefit from a larger house because of 4 kids and for hosting the bi-weekly Young Married group. At the same time, after December 2022, the house that Zelaya's are renting will be needed by MEDA for other ministry, so they need to find another place. One possibility would be build their own house. They still own and are renting out the smaller house they lived in before moving into the MEDA house, so expanding that house might be an option, or finding a different house to rent.