

TEAM SOLHEIM IN HONDURAS

2024

ANNUAL REPORT



Greetings from Team Solheim as we celebrate another impactful year of serving at-risk youth through Club Aslan, fostering young readers with Lucy's Libros, and bridging language gaps with our English classes! We are honored to share the heart of our ministry with you and the amazing ways we've seen God at work this past year.

From transformative camps to VBS visits and valuable Bible teachings, each moment has propelled our mission to share the Gospel with the youth we serve. This year, our library program, Lucy's Libros, has seen growth in its reading materials. While we're yet to reach new schools and communities, it's an exciting path we're currently exploring. Our English classes at the village school continue to engage students and inspire their participation in our outreach activities. These classes have become a bridge to sharing the message of hope found in Christ.

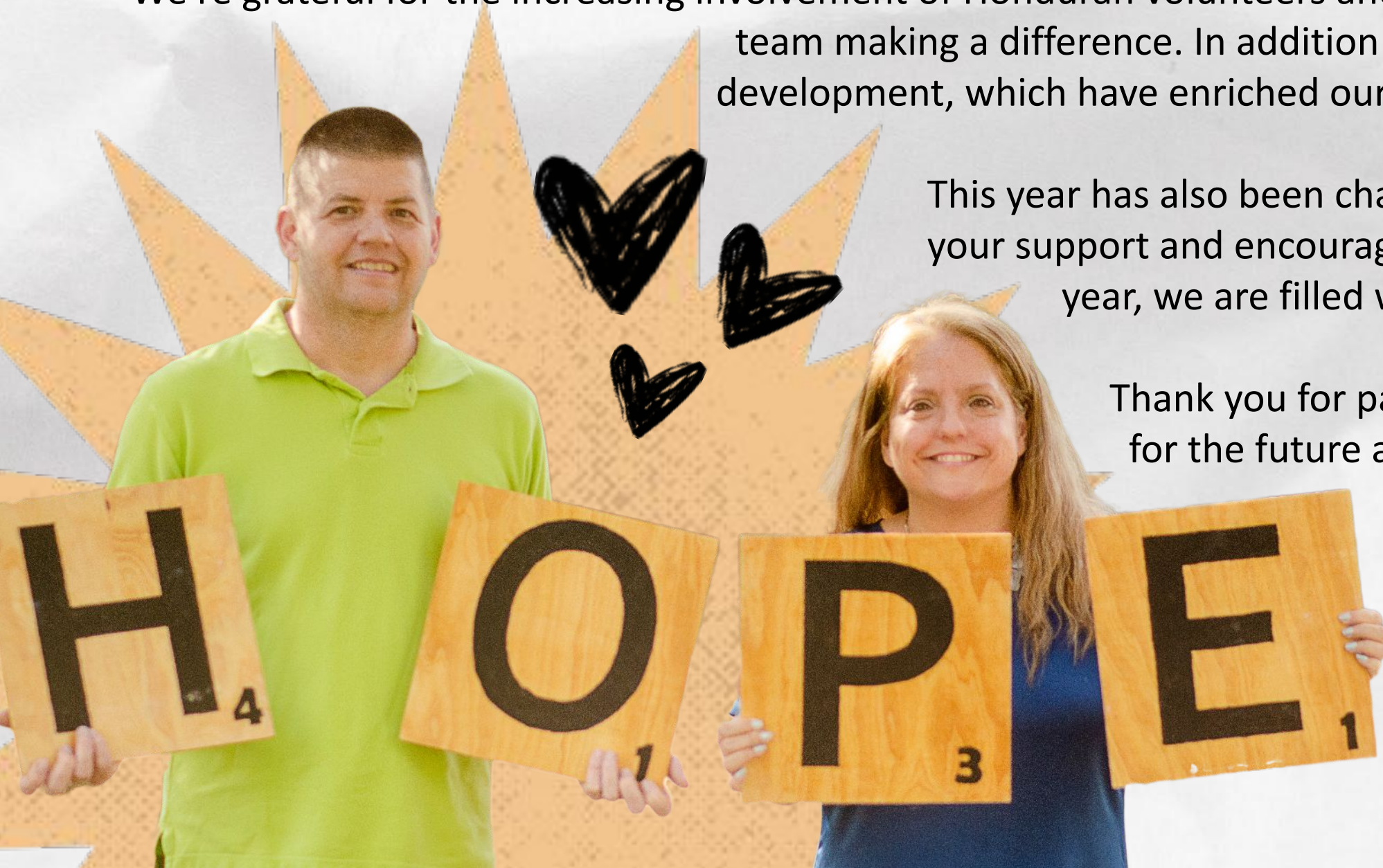
We're grateful for the increasing involvement of Honduran volunteers and our U.S. partnerships. Together, we form a diverse and dedicated team making a difference. In addition to our ministries, we've also had opportunities for professional development, which have enriched our service and strengthened our impact.

This year has also been challenging and difficult personally. Amidst the trials, God has used your support and encouragement to strengthen us and our faith. As we reflect on this past year, we are filled with gratitude for moments of growth and transformation.

Thank you for partnering with us in this journey as Team Solheim. We are excited for the future and the continued blessings God has in store for our ministry.

With heartfelt thanks and blessings,

Steve & Kelly Solheim



CLUB ASLAN

Village after-school program for youth

HIGHLIGHTS

→ 5 Years of Fun & Growth

We celebrated five years with an anniversary party, where we created our own scrapbook pages documenting our fun memories together.

→ Vacation Bible School

Members were invited to participate in their first VBS at a local church.

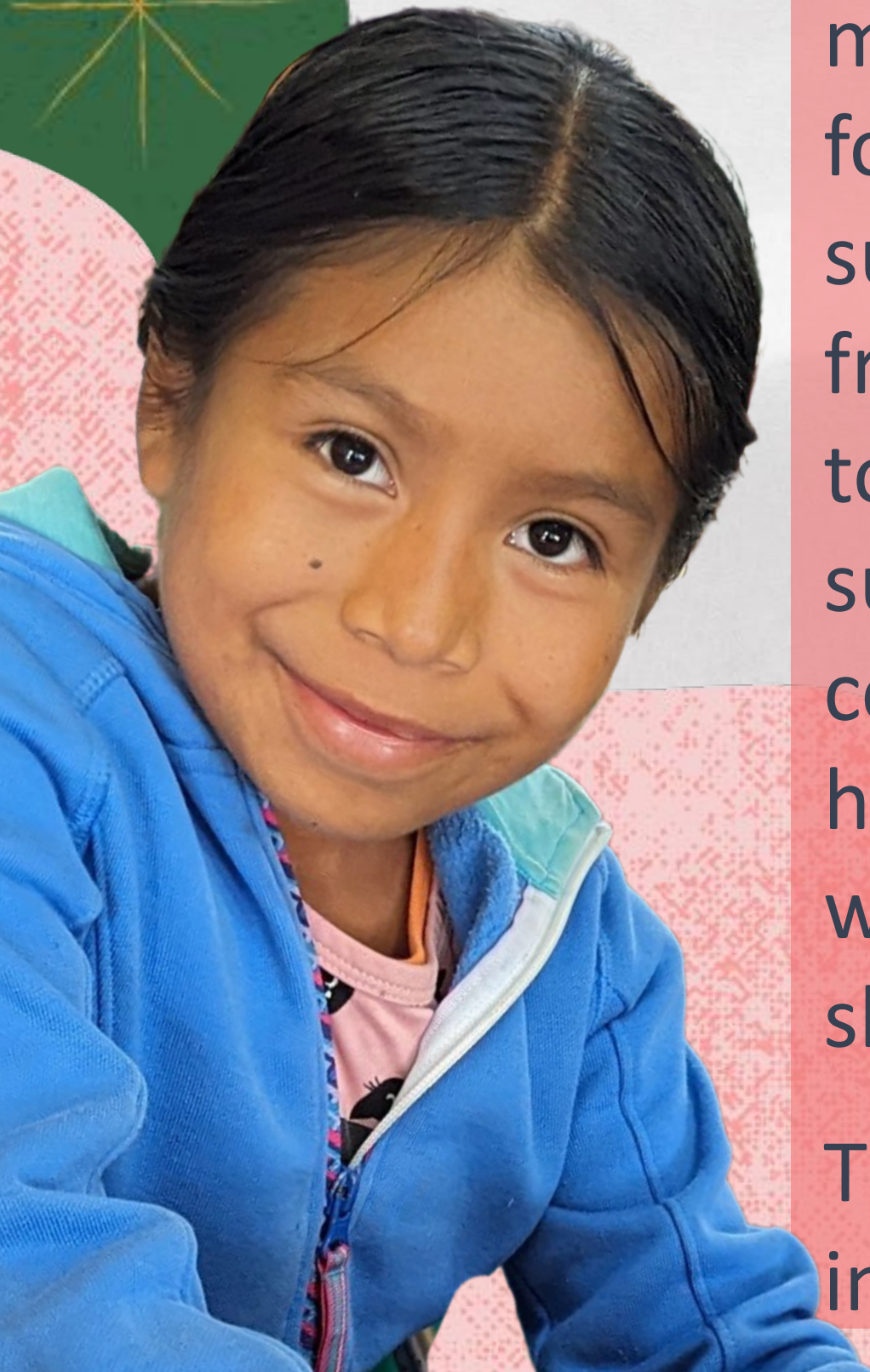
→ Setting Sail Bible Camp

Perseverance, Obedience and Trust—these were the challenges presented in the camp filled with Bible stories, art projects and science experiments.



TRANSFORMATION STORY

ELISSA



This year, Steve committed to praying for Club Aslan members. Every Monday, we'd spend a few minutes praying for each kid. A few months later, we faced a challenge – supplies were disappearing, and some girls were stealing from the club. No amount of “teaching moments” seemed to help until Elissa, working on her Creativity badge, surprised me with a goodie bag. Inside, I found a letter confessing to the thefts. Proud of her honesty, I filed away her letter, only to find a note from Steve in her folder written a few weeks earlier: "I think Elissa is stealing. I pray she repents, and God changes her heart."

The thefts have stopped and Elissa is now a thriving leader in Club Aslan!



LUCY'S LIBROS

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Broadening Our Bookshelf**
We have increased our library materials to include about 1,500 titles in both Spanish and English
- **Exciting Expansion Plans**
Currently, operating in two locations, we're excited about our plans to bring the joy of reading into additional classrooms in the coming year



Mobile library program that encourages literacy and sparks imaginations



TRANSFORMATION

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In the realm of Lucy's Libros, Julio's disdain for reading was palpable, especially during the weekly sessions that felt like a never-ending struggle. Unable to find solace in the pages, he resorted to distracting his peers, folding minuscule paper creations, and sketching on his desk.

Then, generous donors allowed us to purchase a collection of new titles. Among them were two superhero comic books that would alter Julio's perception of reading. The once-disinterested reader was now captivated, eagerly embracing each turn of the page as the superhero tales unfolded, proving that sometimes, all it takes is the right story to spark a love for reading.

JULIO



ENGLISH CLASSES

Teaching in a rural public school setting



HIGHLIGHTS

→ Tri-lingual Education

Steve began helping his students remember English vocabulary by teaching the corresponding ASL signs.

→ Aslan Effect

We find it noteworthy that the three highest-achieving academic graduates this year are also actively involved in Club Aslan.

→ Impact

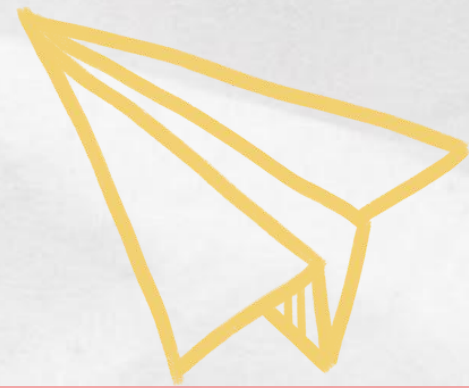
We were honored to sponsor this year's graduating class, reflecting the increasing recognition of our positive influence on the community's youth.

Top of the Class



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In a fifth-grade classroom, Kelly's lesson on color vocabulary took an unexpected turn when she mentioned Noah's ark and the first rainbow. Surprised by the blank stares, she recognized a teachable moment. The planned art project became the ancient tale of sin, redemption, and hope. The students, captivated by the story, discovered its timeless message. We are reminded that every aspect of our ministry gives us opportunity to introduce the power of God's Word to a new generation in Honduras.



KEYLI

Volunteer

NETWORK

A network of local volunteers mobilized to serve alongside Team Solheim

HIGHLIGHTS

Spiritual Emphasis Week

A group of volunteers from churches all over Honduras joined us to provide games for Spiritual Emphasis Week at a Academia Los Pinares, a prestigious bi-lingual school in Tegucigalpa.

La Esperanza Camps

Anabel and Karina traveled across the country to provide Bible lessons and support for several camps we hosted in churches and schools in our area.

We served over 200 students at Spiritual Emphasis Week!



ANABEL

Anabel has established a ministry dedicated to serving youth in the capital. Her wealth of experience, combined with her musical talents, infused life into the lessons at camp in La Esperanza!



KARINA

Karina is a vibrant college student whose relatable testimony, practical approach, and lively personality brought a spark to the Bible lessons she crafted for our young students.



TEAMS & Volunteers



Short- and mid-term missionaries mobilized from the USA.



RaeAnna

Gabbi



HIGHLIGHTS

→ Supporting Missionary Families

We hosted a team to work with our WGM missionary kids and serve our families at our annual field retreat.

→ Medical Missions

Gabbi Vincent enthusiastically immersed herself in the mission field in La Esperanza, utilizing her medical studies to make a meaningful impact.

→ Camp Ministry

RaeAnna Nichols created and successfully delivered four engaging camp programs centered around sharing timeless Biblical stories and principles.





BRAATZ SISTERS

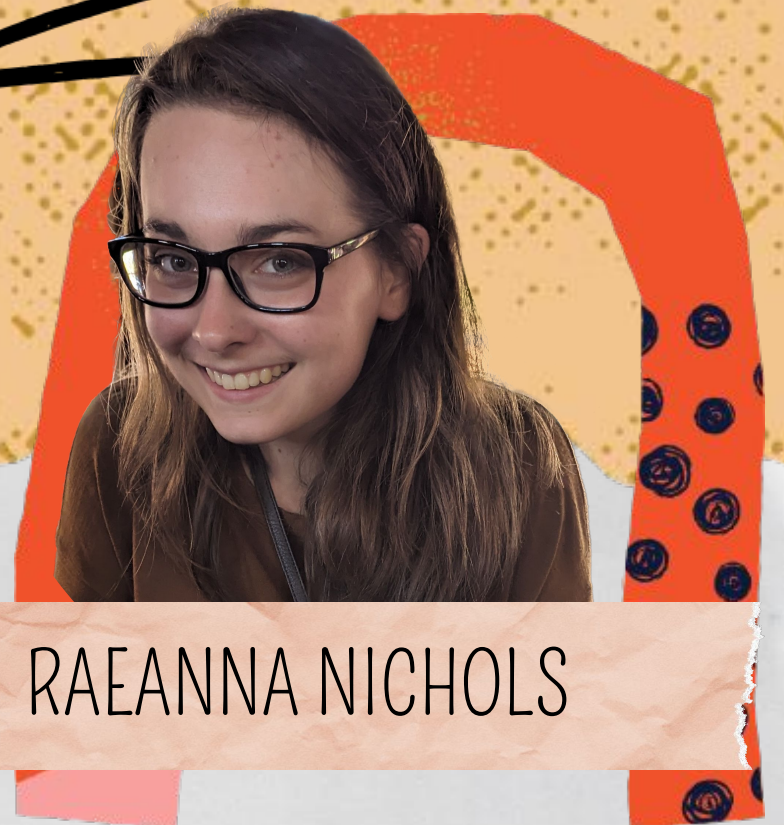
Jean and Tessa teamed up with their sister-in-law, Lori, at the Honduras field retreat, where they passionately engaged our missionary kids with an out-of-this-world VBS program, leaving a trail of encouragement for us and our missionary families.

I think it's important to ask lots of questions, because you never know how the Lord will use this experience in your life now or down the road.



GABBI VINCENT

Gabbi applied her medical expertise in various local clinics, participated in a medical brigade, and made significant contributions at the public hospital, where she even assisted in the delivery of babies via c-section!



RAEANNA NICHOLS

RaeAnna centered her planning for four camps, reaching over 100 youth, on themes of perseverance, obedience, and trust in Jesus. Collaborating with national volunteers, she curated crafts, games, science projects and Bible stories.

How God takes our efforts and turns them into incredible results is so amazing to me, and one of the many things I've learned while being in Honduras.

OUR MENTORS

This year, we've had the awesome opportunity to be mentored by two amazing Honduran ministry partners.


ENOCH ULLOA has been a huge support for our ministries, helping us craft long-term plans, forge new partnerships, and tackle any ministry challenges that come our way. Meanwhile, **CLAUDIA BONILLA** has been instrumental in building our volunteer network and boosting our programs in La Esperanza. They both regularly meet and counsel us. The best advice we've gotten so far? **TAKE TIME TO REST!**



CLAUDIA BONILLA

ENOCH ULLOA





WGM conference made up of missionary leaders serving all over the world



IMPACT



HIGHLIGHTS

→ **Community**

This was an opportunity to build relationships and learn from missionaries with a wide variety of experiences and backgrounds.

→ **Spiritual Renewal**

Engaging speakers, prayer groups, and a deep dive into the doctrine of holiness rejuvenated our spirits during our time of worship together.

→ **Exploring Orality**

Kelly found great inspiration in sessions discussing Bible teaching within cultures that prioritize oral storytelling traditions. We're now exploring how to integrate these new strategies into our ministries.

ALBANIA



TRANSFORMATION STORY ✨

Sitting in the church in Albania, we were struck by the incredible diversity surrounding us. The Sunday sermon, delivered in Spanish by a Latin American pastor, was being skillfully translated into English by a bi-lingual missionary. Next to us sat a couple serving in China, taking notes in the elegant strokes of Mandarin. Behind us, two missionaries quietly conversed in Swahili, aiding each other's understanding. Occasional murmurs of Japanese floated from the row in front of us. This experience was a powerful reminder that God is actively at work among all nations. It left us in awe, humbled by the realization that we are just small part of His magnificent plan.



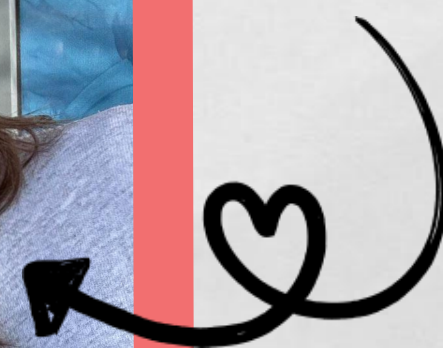


FINANCIAL UPDATE

We are continuously amazed and humbled by God's provision for the ministries in La Esperanza. As always, our needs and many of our desires have been met by our Loving Father. However, the reality of rising and unexpected costs has put us in a challenging position for the coming fiscal year. The interruption of our annual fundraising trip to the U.S. has only added to these difficulties. We are hoping to raise an additional \$10,000 in the coming weeks, though it remains unclear how we'll accomplish this. Additionally, we are looking to increase our budget expectations for our new missionary term next year.

Yet, even in the midst of this uncertainty, we are learning to trust that God will provide for us.

PERSONAL UPDATE



This past year has been one of the toughest we've faced, filled with stress, frustration, fear, and profound loss. In early 2023, Kelly's mother's health took a sharp decline, demanding weeks of care from Kelly while Steve held down the ministry in Honduras solo. Meanwhile, Steve's mom, Carol, had her own health scare, thankfully recovering swiftly. These trials with our mothers have plunged us into months of worry and anxiety, where we've leaned on the Lord's mercies more than ever before. Sadly, we said goodbye to Brenda just a few weeks ago. Her loss has hit our family hard, but we find solace in knowing she's with her Savior, free from suffering.

Alongside these challenges, we've faced multiple moves and bouts of illness. In May, a sudden move from one house to another neighborhood added to the chaos. Kelly was away with her mom in the U.S., leaving Steve and some incredible co-workers to handle the packing and unpacking. These expensive moves coupled with travel costs caused financial strain. It was an stressful time, made even more difficult by the physical distance between us.

However, amidst the trials, there have been moments of joy and hope. Being Gram and Pop to little Margot has brought immense happiness, and watching Nick and Evie navigate parenthood fills us with pride and strength. They've been a rock for us during these uncertain times. Even in the shadow of loss, we are looking forward with hope. We're thrilled to share that we're expecting our second grandchild later this year, eagerly awaiting the arrival of our newest family member. This hope sustains us as we navigate the challenges ahead, knowing that God's blessings and provision are always with us.



Dear children, let us not **love** with words or tongue,
but with **action** and in **truth**. -1 John 3:18

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for your prayers and support



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