

# Liedtke Update

September, '21, *HONDURAS*



Dear Friends,



We want to thank you for your support and many prayers! God has been close to us these past few months here in Honduras.

On June 25<sup>th</sup> we were both diagnosed with Covid, for a second time. Brenda did not have symptoms, but I got very sick and eventually ended up in the hospital for 9 days with pneumonia and decreased lung capacity. Praise the Lord, he brought us through to continue ministering once again! Those kind of experiences put things in clear perspective for sure!

The biggest news right now is that we found a building for the new church plant! It was built through another group of Independent Baptists in the Tegucigalpa area with hopes of a church plant in Valle de Angeles. A group from the U.S.A. constructed what is there so far, pictured above. Because of Covid the work stopped and they still did not have a pastor to head up the church. When we saw this building we asked the Lord for guidance if he would have us to use it. After several meetings with the head of the group, they believe we are the answer to their prayers. Tomorrow night we have a meeting with the lawyer to draw up plans for a five year lease, under which we would use the rent money to finish the building. Please pray for these arrangements to smoothly go forward!

We will need work groups as well as funds to make all of this come about. We currently have \$5000 set aside that a couple of churches have given to us for the new church plant. We will have some big costs to start with such as connection to Electricity and Water, a sewage system, floor poured, bathroom put in, windows, paint, S.S. rooms, etc. If you feel led to help in this endeavor, please mark your special offering for "Valle church plant", under our regular Bimi acct #1436.

We hear good things from our former churches in Belize! Despite covid shutdowns several times, people have been saved, renewed in their walk with the Lord and the works are growing. Of special note are Pastor Samuel Ek and Elsa in the village of Buena Vista. They are very close to getting their permanent residency and therefore being able to take on part time employment to help support themselves. We have subsidized their support for several years. Praise the Lord that He provided means through you, our supporters, for the church building as well as a house for them on the property during our time in Belize. This couple has a real burden to minister in Belize and have not backed down through many hardships. The above photo is of them in a corn field they planted to help with their support. Please pray that their residency comes through soon and for the church to grow both deeper and fuller. Their residency cost will be \$1,500 each, for which we would appreciate help as well.

On that same note! - we currently have to leave Honduras every 90 days until we get our residency here. A legal paper just came in that we needed Apostilled for this process, so in the new year we will hopefully have everything needed to apply. Lawyer costs are hefty and the only way to go. So please keep that in your thoughts and prayers for the future.

The Friday night Bible study for our church plant is going great as we go through major doctrines of the Bible. Please pray for continued unity in this nucleus. Katia, pictured above, is part of this group. The Lord answered many prayers to preserve her and their baby soon to be born during a bad bout with Covid. We are thanking the Lord for her recuperation and safety of the baby! She and Aaron are a blessing to us in the work.

In Christ,

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