

## Family Update

2017 is off to a great start! Our family followed up a busy fall semester with a relaxing Christmas season, spending time at home with Jennifer's parents and taking a great vacation with Brian's side of the family. The girls have resumed classes, and Jennifer is spending time rehearsing with local students for music contests.



## Results | Plans | Prayer

Spring is in the air! Or at least it feels like it in Dallas with the warmer weather this year. And it also feels like it in the HOPE Coffee ministry with so many budding opportunities that are presenting themselves. As our team has prayed through these options, it became clear that now was the time for Mark Fittz, founder of HOPE Coffee in Honduras, to begin the process of moving to Dallas to help with the community development portions of HOPE Coffee and the church planting model. To help understand this process, here is the background of what we saw God do in 2016 and what we anticipate for 2017.

In 2016, God led our team to accomplish three goals. We were able to launch a new coffee and ministry combination in Puebla, Mexico, we added Eric Weaver, our director of operations, as a HOPE Coffee board member, and we researched enough of the coffee shop licensing model to know that we needed to pause for a bit to set up some repeatable processes and procedures before moving forward. In the midst of these things, God also brought to us the potential of a church planting model with HOPE Coffee. Most importantly, we are thrilled to be able to share that in 2016, 18 shelter projects and 16 water projects were completed, with 8 people trusting in Jesus! Here is one of those stories.

“In July of 2016, three Honduran churches partnered with Hope Coffee to build a home for a single mother and her children in the mountainous region of Taulabe. While Marianna was a believer, her sons were not. God prompted Pastor Pedro to live out the gospel message by gathering a team of believers to clear land and build a home for Marianna. Through the construction process, relationships were built and Marianna's son Cesar came to know Christ! Today, this new home hosts a weekly community Bible study!”

Our desire for 2017 is to increase our church and business customer base, stabilize the procedures for HOPE Coffee @ Dallas Theological Seminary and launch one new HOPE Coffee shop in the US. We believe that this will help us to develop the initial phases of a church planting model along with coffee tourism trips in Honduras originating from our coffee shop in Siguatepeque. As you can see, we desire your prayer partnership with us as we seek God's wisdom and His leading of our steps this year.



If you would like a copy of our annual ministry report, please email us and we will send you a copy that includes more details for you to praise God for and to pray for in the coming year.

Thank you for standing beside us in ministry!

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