

## Family Update

The New Year launched off to an exciting start with Sabrina's engagement to Stoller Reinhard on New Year's Eve. Stoller is from Indiana and also attends Moody Bible Institute, where he is majoring in Pastoral Studies. He and Sabrina will be married on June 19 here in Dallas and will resume their studies at Moody in the fall. We're excited to welcome Stoller into our family! Olivia will be graduating from high school in May and plans to also attend Moody in the fall, where she will major in Communications. Alyssa continues to be an invaluable member of the HOPE Coffee team and her management of the photography and social media pages for the coffee shops is helping them to grow! Jennifer has seen some of her accompanying jobs start to return, although the volume is not quite back to normal. We're thankful to see God continue to provide for our family and continue to guide and direct our girls!

## Ministry Update



**Honduras** - In early January, we sent funds to Carlos, the ministry worker we partner with, to provide food for 75 families in a small rural Honduran village called Pena Blanca. Juan, the local pastor there, selected January 17<sup>th</sup> to distribute the food. Even though Carlos and his wife had been limiting their travel due to the risks of COVID, they decided to go to the village after Juan called and begged them to come and attend the food presentation. When Carlos arrived that Sunday, he discovered that this date was their annual "Thankfulness Offering" which they typically give at the end of their harvest season. However, on this Sunday, most of the members arrived with very little to give. Two hurricanes last fall had destroyed most of their crops and damaged many of their homes. Only a few guavas and a handful of eggs were given as an offering. For a day that was supposed to be the pinnacle of their giving and thankfulness to God, they had little to give and little to eat. As Carlos arrived with a truck full of food, the people were overwhelmed with emotion because God had provided for them in their time of need. God provided enough food for each family to eat for a week! During this celebration and time of sharing, Carlos and Juan shared the gospel with this



group and three people trusted in Jesus on that Sunday! Two more believers who were not walking closely with God decided to rededicate their lives to Christ, leave their sinful ways and follow Jesus again. As I write this, 22 more families in the village of Teosintal received food on March 12<sup>th</sup>. We would appreciate your prayers for these families as they are hearing the gospel and contemplating what to do with this good news about Jesus.

**Mexico** – In early February, Pastor Pedro took a 45-minute trip to visit a community called Tetzahapa where a bathroom was completed for a Nazaria and her family in early 2020. On this visit, Pedro met Cirino and Soledad and their four children. This family had started building a bathroom little by little as they could earn the money for it. Pedro and the members of his church decided to help this family and share the gospel with them even though the community has a reputation of disliking Christians. In fact, if someone in the town becomes a Christian, then the town stops supplying public services like water and electricity to their home. By late March, Pastor Pedro's church had completed the bathroom for Cirino and Soledad. The people in the town are beginning to ask questions like "Why do these Christians keep helping our people?" Pray that these open doors for the gospel will begin to bring light and soften the hearts of many in this town so that they will understand and accept the gospel.

**Texas** - Thankfully, many churches in the USA are re-opening their doors and are beginning to serve coffee again. Our sales are slightly increasing, which is fantastic. Pray for continued growth of HOPE Coffee. We also anticipate that the HOPE Coffee DTS coffee shop will be able to move into its new location in the brand-new chapel and student center in May 2021. Pray for the transition between one building to another. The HOPE Coffee Sunnyvale coffee shop has been operating for about 5 months, and we are seeing sustained growth and increasing customer traffic. This has brought about so many wonderful conversations about the purpose of HOPE Coffee and the need for everyone to trust in Jesus. Pray for me as I continue to manage that location while we seek a godly manager who will lead our team.



Cirino and Soledad family in Mexico standing in front of their bathroom before it was completed by the church.



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2021 Honduras - this is the scene in Pena Blanca of people in the process of receiving food (or walking outside after getting it in the church.)

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