Family Update

Spring is here and we're headed to Chicago in a few weeks to watch Sabrina and her husband Stoller graduate from Moody Bible Institute (Sabrina with a degree in Ministry to Women and Stoller with a degree in Pastoral Studies.) We're excited to celebrate their achievements with them and to also have a fun weekend as a family!

Sabrina and Stoller plan to remain in Chicago for the next few years and pursue graduate studies at Moody Theological Seminary. Sabrina will be pursuing a Master of Spiritual Formation degree and Stoller will be pursuing a Master of Divinity degree. Olivia will be returning home for the summer to work and then returning to Moody in the fall for her junior year. Alyssa has decided to step down from her general manager job at HOPE Coffee Sunnyvale and search for a job that doesn't require as many nights and weekends. She will continue to manage the social media accounts for both coffee shops and is a contract writer for GotQuestions.org. Jennifer had a busy spring semester accompanying choirs and solo contests and is looking forward to only teaching piano lessons this summer. Brian taught another class at Criswell College this spring in addition to his responsibilities at HOPE Coffee.

Ministry Update

Every week we rejoice in the work that God is doing in and through his followers in each of these countries. Thank you for praying! Please continue to pray for the families and the pastors in these stories.

Honduras.

Mexico.

In Peña Blanca Colinas, Honduras, the local church is helping to build a proper home for Christina and her family. There are some challenges with this building project, but God is at work in the situation. The foundation has been started, but we anticipate it will take several months to build. In the meantime, we would appreciate your prayers for Pastor Carlos and Pastor Juan as they build a relationship with this family while meeting their needs and sharing the gospel.

In the Mexican state of Hidalgo near the small town of Tetzahapa, Pastor Pedro has been sharing the gospel with several families over the last few years. In February, Jose Escobar visited Pastor Pedro and asked if they could receive some help to fix a leaking kitchen



Christina's old home



Mexico Kitchen - Before



Mexico Kitchen - After

roof. In this area, families live in small homes that don't have kitchens. Instead, they have a common building that is used for a community kitchen which is shared by several families. In this area, there is a general distrust of Christians. It took a lot of courage for Jose to ask for help from a Christian. The simple task of replacing a kitchen roof has helped three families be able to use their kitchen again. Pastor Pedro and the members of the local church were also able to build trust and a good testimony with this family and others as they shared the gospel. Please pray that this family would trust in Jesus. (By the way, this is why we have

a tin "roof" like structure over the coffee bar at HOPE Coffee Sunnyvale. It represents the types of projects that we can do as people buy HOPE Coffee.) Scan the QR code to see the video from this family.

HOPE Coffee



Pastor Carlos talking with Christina



We have been pleased with the progress that our team has made with those "mundane" things that I mentioned in our last prayer letter. Our accounting system and subscription system migrations went very well. We now have better insights into serving our customers / partners better. Throughout this year, we will be making a few other minor changes to our products and systems.



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HOPE Coffee Shops

HOPE Coffee Sunnyvale is running very well, and it has become a favorite gathering place for the community. We are also in the beginning stages of planning for a new location in Melissa, Texas. Please pray for us as we discern God's direction by talking and praying with a couple who is considering moving to the area to run this location.

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