

## Family Update

This year has flown by and we're experiencing lots of family milestones! On November 5, Alyssa will be marrying Tim Schmidt in a ceremony here in the Dallas area. We're so excited to welcome Tim into our family and are grateful to see God answer our prayers for a godly, caring husband for Alyssa! Tim works as a mechanical engineer at a company in



Dallas, and he and Alyssa will be moving into an apartment about 20 minutes from our house. Several months ago, Alyssa started a new job with HOPE Coffee handling many administrative details as well as social media for many of the HOPE Coffee companies. She loves this job and Brian is so thankful to have her expertise! Sabrina and Stoller are well into their first semester of graduate studies and are enjoying their classes and the new jobs they have at Moody (Stoller as a supervisor in the Public Safety department and Sabrina as the assistant to the Dean of Student Care and Concern.) Olivia is nearly halfway through her junior year at Moody and enjoys leading a life group composed of girls on her dorm floor. Next summer she will be doing an internship related to her women's ministry degree here in Dallas. Jennifer's piano studio keeps her busy and she has enjoyed helping Alyssa with wedding planning. Brian is teaching another class at Criswell College this fall in addition to his responsibilities at HOPE Coffee.

## Ministry Update

Over the past 6 months, 70 families have heard the gospel through 4 different ministry projects. Ironically, these projects were nearly identical, with a new roof for elderly ladies and water filtration systems for families in both Honduras and Mexico. The seeds of the gospel have been planted and watered, and we praise God that He gave the increase as two ladies trusted in Jesus as their Savior!

**Honduras.** Maria, a 75-year-old woman in San Martin who had been abandoned by her kids, lived in a home where the kitchen was open to the elements. Pastor Juventino, who had worked with HOPE Coffee in 2021 to share the gospel in that region, learned about Maria's situation in August. By mid-September, his church began building her a proper room for her kitchen. They completed it in early October, and now Maria has a kitchen with a concrete floor, roof and walls. Maria is very thankful for her kitchen, and she is interested in learning more about Jesus' love for her that was the motivation for Pastor Juventino to help her when no one else would help. It gave her hope! Please pray that she would trust in Jesus soon.



In August, Pastor Fidencio began considering ways his church could share the gospel with the 30 families in his community of San Nicolas. He heard about sharing the gospel through providing water filters from Pastor Carlos, who oversees the ministry of HOPE Coffee in Honduras. His church was trained by Abelardo, the ministry leader in Mexico, via a video training series on how to share the gospel using the water filters and your personal testimony. On September 23, 2023, the church gathered these families into four groups. Each group had a leader who taught them how to make and use the water filter bucket system. As they worked together, they also shared their testimony and the gospel message with those in their group. Two ladies in two different groups trusted in Jesus that day! Two more people asked for someone from the church to come and visit with them in their home and share more about the Bible and Jesus with them. This was an encouraging time for the members of the church to see how they can be involved in sharing the gospel with their neighbors. Please pray for these two ladies as they begin their new life in Christ.

**Mexico.** In July, a small community (Nueva Tierra & Libertad) in the mountains of Chiapas was identified by Sergio, who has worked with us on several projects in the past, as a location where there were only a couple of believers and no existing church. His pastor friend, Florentino, travels through there about once a month and was just beginning the process of sharing the gospel with this community. He found that the ladies of the community walk 30 minutes down the mountain to a salty river and haul water back up the mountain to their village to boil for daily use. HOPE Coffee purchased filters for these 38 families in August, and Florentino and Sergio began training and planning for Florentino's next trip. On Monday, September 11, 2023, Florentino went to this village and taught them how to put the filter buckets together. He shared how to use the filters to purify the salty river water so that it is healthy to drink. During this time, he was able to relate the story of the Samaritan women at the well and the forgiveness she received from Jesus as she trusted in Him. Florentino also shared how Jesus, God's Son, can purify our spiritual life as we trust in His death, burial and resurrection for our new life in Christ. Please pray for these families as they use these filters daily that they will be reminded of the gospel message of Jesus and that they will trust in Him!



In early August, Pastor Pedro, who has completed several projects through HOPE Coffee in the Hidalgo region, met a widowed lady named Maria who was caring for her disabled son. The small village of Zapotitla is near several of the other villages that have hated Christians for 30 years. Yet through these projects over the past 4 years, the seeds of the Gospel are starting to sprout as their hearts are softening about hearing the Gospel from Pastor Pedro. Throughout the month of August, the people in this village witnessed many Christians coming to help tear off the old roof and put a new roof on Maria's house. It was so inspiring to those in the village that several volunteers helped as well. Some volunteers asked how much they were charging Maria to put the roof on her home. Pastor Pedro responded that there was no charge. He said, "We are doing all of this because of God's provision and because of the generosity of people who love God. They are providing for those in need because God has told us to love others in word and deed." Please pray for Maria, her son, and the rest of the village to trust in Jesus.



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Thank you for your prayers and partnership with this ministry of sharing the gospel!

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