

## Family Update

The year has been full but good so far! Olivia is finishing her junior year at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago and is excited about doing her internship for her women's ministry degree at Watermark Community Church in Dallas this summer. Sabrina and Stoller are continuing to work for Moody and also continue to work on their graduate degrees at Moody Theological Seminary. Alyssa and Tim continue to work at their jobs and love being involved at Watermark Community Church. They have enjoyed being involved with their community group of other newly married couples. Brian is wrapping up his 4<sup>th</sup> semester of teaching at Criswell College and is starting to put many hours into the planning stages for opening our newest coffee shop in Melissa, TX (a Dallas suburb about an hour from our house.) Jennifer had a busy semester accompanying events at local schools and teaching her 23 piano students. We had a great family vacation at Crystal Beach over Spring Break and enjoyed having our entire family together for several days. It was so great to be able to connect with each other without distractions!

## Ministry Update

Throughout the years, we have been able to share many stories about families in Mexico and Honduras who hear the gospel through local church leaders as these local churches provide for a physical need (roof, water, shelter, etc.) for the family. In addition to these two countries, we are also encouraged by two other ministry financial partnerships. HOPE Coffee supports [www.lanvwa.org](http://www.lanvwa.org) in Guatemala (thus the Guatemalan Medium roast) as they prepare the children of local coffee farmers for their future and teach them the Word of God, and [www.compassionnow.org](http://www.compassionnow.org) (thus Compassion Tea) as they provide medical care through Christian clinics in Malawi, Rwanda, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia. Because many people across America are purchasing HOPE Coffee and Compassion Tea, we have funds available to invest to meet these needs. If you are able, I'd encourage you to read the latest stories from this year at [www.hopcoffee.com/stories](http://www.hopcoffee.com/stories). Rejoice with us about six people trusting in Jesus in Honduras and pray for another family in Mexico as they consider the good news of salvation.



Carlos sharing the Gospel in Honduras



Elpido sharing the Gospel in Mexico

By God's grace and for His glory, HOPE Coffee has grown far beyond what we ever imagined in those early years. We dreamed, but never thought it would be possible, that one day there would be upwards of 450 churches and businesses who serve HOPE Coffee across America. That there would be two HOPE Coffee shop locations with a third location ready to launch at the end of this summer. That HOPE Coffee would have 50+ employees. That we would be able to support sharing the gospel in three coffee growing countries with a possible fourth on the way. That we would be able to support medical needs and sharing the gospel in six countries in Africa.



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But God accomplished the ultimate impossible act (from a human perspective) by sending His Son Jesus to conquer sin and death by dying on the cross and being raised to new life three days later so that we could have a relationship with Him. We have experienced that impossible relationship that became possible, and so have many others that we serve. Yet, each story is unique and encouraging as we hear the details of how God orchestrated their salvation and their service to Him. Each member on our management team has such a story to share - from Eric Weaver (Finances) to Kaysi Stanley (Marketing) to Yalonda Pinnell (Sales) to Billy Todd (Operations) to Tim Ellcey (Chef) to our newest team member Jason Kanapkey (Regional Coffee Shop Director). Jason's background, which consists of managing sales teams and being a pastor of small groups and missions for eight years, has prepared him to oversee the management and training for the staff at each of our coffee shop locations. Please pray for our team as we begin this new journey together. We are excited to see where God leads our team as we follow Him on this path to share the gospel with those have not trusted in Jesus.

Thank you for praying for us, for this business, for this ministry and for our team. We know that God is answering your prayers and ours because we see God do the impossible (from a human perspective) almost every month.

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