



SU GLORIA



“Not to us, oh Lord, not to us, but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness.” Psalms 15:1

HOLD ON TO YOUR HATS...

Do you ever have those days when you feel like you are on a rollercoaster and things are moving so fast that you just want to close your eyes and wait for that moment when the ride ends and you are still again? That’s us right now! The month of January we kicked off the year with our “baby girl” turning 5! There is something about all 5 of those fingers coming up that makes them feel so proud. (First picture right: Keila at her birthday party with her cousin Jonathan, who while he waits to begin his social work at the university has become a huge help to us watching the kids.) A couple days after Keila’s birthday, we had a volunteer retreat with half of the volunteers helping with the restoration center. (Second picture right) This was the kick off of the year for us, starting classes with 31 kids at the worship center a couple weeks later. We are excited to have a great group of kids again who are eager to learn and know Jesus more through dance, drums, guitar, and piano.



Something that I don’t think that we mentioned in our last newsletter, was God stirring our hearts for a group of adolescents, 13-18 years of age, at the church that we’re serving with who have kind of been the “forgotten group”. Knowing that we have so much on our plates right now, we didn’t feel like we could commit to this long term, but we began asking God to raise up a team of workers who could begin investing in these youth who we could work with. Youth are the energy of a church... help us pray that these youth will see the love of Christ in us and want to commit to growing together. (First picture left.)



February, can pretty much be summed up as our family in two different countries. Abner spent a week in Orlando with the Arevalos, but before leaving he felt the Lord had placed an urgency for the Restoration Center-Elisheva to become its own non-profit. The ministry has been operating under the local church thus far, but when the Lord speaks, Abner moves. ☺ Pretty much in a week, we had all that was needed to submit the papers to the lawyer to become, Fundacion Elisheva (Elisheva Foundation) Then, while he was gone, the Lord decided to see if my joy would remain despite severe pain and a swollen mouth that ended up needing a root canal, the electricity, therefore the water, being cut, not so fun attitudes from our children, etc., etc., etc. My joy remained, but it was a rough week. I do praise Him for sending a family we dearly loved from the church we left in La Ceiba who brought their own joy with them. I realized that that church family that we left there, have become like “aunts, “uncles,” and “cousin” to our children. It was like a family reunion. (Third picture to the right.)



When Abner got back from Orlando, he traveled with 2 other worship leaders to begin a “tour” of visiting the different zones where the association has churches. Right now, there are 4 different zones that he will visit twice a year to impart what he has been learning from the 10,000 Fathers worship school he is enrolled in out of Atlanta, GA. He has become the pastor to worship leaders...this is totally him. A couple days later, he traveled to Nicaragua to help translate and teach worship there with another pastor who had traveled from the U.S., who also had been part of 10,000 Fathers. We are seeing words that the Lord has spoken to Abner since he was little about being a “father to the nations” starting to come to pass. While he was gone, the flu hit. Yet, praise the Lord it passed quickly. The day after he got back we sent a team into the first school of the year to teach sexual abuse prevention. (Fourth picture right.) One girl spoke up that she was being abused and the man was threatening to kill her mom if she spoke. Pray for the director of that school as she does the follow up. We have seen over and over again that the area of sexual abuse is the area where the enemy rises up and is not happy about breaking the silence in these children. **Keep praying...they are TOO PRECIOUS TO IGNORE!!**



PRAISES AND PRAYERS

PRAISES

- ✚ Kelley and Keila were dropping off team members to go to the 1st school and were in a minor car accident. We praise the Lord that no one was hurt and the driver of the other car took responsibility.
- ✚ We praise the Lord that our family is back together again and that all of Abner's travels were fruitful completing God's purposes and plans.
- ✚ We are grateful that homeschooling continues to be a joy in the midst of so much other activity.
- ✚ Lizzeth should be able to travel back to Honduras after March 3rd. ☺

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

KID'S PRAISE IN THE PARK

DATE: AUGUST 11, 2017

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: KRAPE PARK,
FREEPORT, IL.

5 CHURCHES...Crossroads,
Park Hills EFC, Beloved
Church, Faith Center, and Faith
Community will all be coming
together for a time of praise and
worship with their children
leading who are...

TOO PRECIOUS TO IGNORE!

PRAYERS

- ✚ Keep praying for Abner's citizenship. After his hearing on Sept. 26th, we haven't heard anything.
- ✚ Pray for the paperwork before the government for ELISHEVA Foundation, pray also for the land and for money to build. God's got this!
- ✚ Pray for good friends for our kids, especially Susana and Abner Daniel...this is the only thing about homeschooling that Susana has missed.
- ✚ We have dates to go to the U.S., July 15th- Aug.30th...help us pray now for plane tickets.
- ✚ Pray for finances as well for the ministry here. We feel that it is time to hire a couple people to start working with us full-time, but we need to see God provide \$1500 a month for this to happen.
- ✚ We have had to keep postponing the training/opening for the Pregnancy Help Center, our new target date, the first weekend of April. Prayer please!
- ✚ A second vehicle.