

The Castillo's Prayer Update



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Blessings to you, our beloved partners in the ministry. Carmen and I are amazed at how time flies ... It feels as if it was just yesterday that we were planning our furlough and now we are already back in the swing of things in Honduras.

I want to start by thanking each and every one of you for giving us the opportunity throughout our furlough to visit with you and be able to share the things that God has been doing in us as well as through us in our ministry in Honduras and Nicaragua. It was certainly a great blessing to spend time with you. We actually wished that our time would have been greater in length but, even if it was a short, it was well worth it being able to be with all of you.

There are many things for which we are thankful to God during our time of furlough

1) Although I had to go through three surgeries and even though the outcome of the third one was not exactly what we had hoped for, it actually ended up putting me in a better position than when the double vision had returned after the second one. Sure, I would have enjoyed not having any double vision, but the headaches are gone and the burning sensation in my eyes is mild and occurs only when I am not taking the time to rest my eyes throughout the day. I have to tell you – If I needed to depend on God before in order to preach His Word, you can never imagine how much more I need to do so now. Being dependent on someone is not our human tendency; yet God is always calling us back to Him in that particular area ... to depend on Him, on His strength and not our own. That has proven to be a major need of mine since my third surgery. Thanks for your prayers and your continued prayers in this particular area.

2) We praise God that we are back in Honduras. Our trip started a little rough since we had to be at the airport before 5:00am and then had more luggage to check in than we had expected. And, on top of that, one of our pieces of luggage was left in the car that we had rented for that final day ... we only found out about it when we were checking in and had a bag missing! Carmen and the kids ran to the gate to find the family who had graciously allowed us to stay in their home. They not only gave us a hand by taking us to the airport early in the morning and carried some of our bags but also returned to the

rental place, retrieved the bag and carried it to the airport! Thankfully, everything went well and we arrived in Honduras early in the morning. About an hour after our arrival, Tropical Storm Agatha hit our country and the airports in Honduras closed down because of the heavy rain. All this occurred a few hours after our arrival.

3) We praise God for an increase in our support. We had the privilege to visit a few new churches, one of which decided to give us a grant for the year which raised our support from 45.7% to 48% for the rest of the year. Then, we had a family that decided to support us financially which put our percentage up to 50%.

There are several matters for which we ask your prayers

- We ask you to pray for our safety and the safety of our church congregation. We heard that there have been about nine churches in our area to whom thieves have come in the middle of the service to rob the church. Please pray that it will not happen anymore. If it does, pray for the safety of those attending any church in our area.
- Pray for all the activities that we have ahead of us. Three days after arriving in Honduras, I began teaching a three-month class and I had the privilege to preach this past Saturday. We are planning a major event that deals with reaching the students from the Mobile Bible Institutes, pastors in our area and youth, as well as ministering to the ladies. A week after that event, I will travel to teach a class in one of our Mobile Bible Institutes in Honduras. Please pray for strength and rest during the planning of all these events, as well as during the events themselves. Please pray especially for my eyes.
- We ask for your prayers for my father-in-law, Jorge Espinal. He will be going through his final chemotherapy treatment in a couple of weeks. He has been doing well with the treatment. At the end of the treatment, they will check to see the impact of the treatment over the cancer. Please pray about this.

We thank you in advance for your prayers on our behalf.

For Him,

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