

New Role, New Vision

Every year our lives look a little different and God puts a fresh new vision and mission on our hearts. In 2015 we knew that God was propelling us into leadership as we served as assistant team leaders and Directors of the Timothy Internship Program, and in 2016 Nathan and I accepted the role of team leaders of the Go to Nations Honduras team. With our new role came the wonderful responsibility to serve, equip, mentor and lead three new missionary families for their 2-year apprenticeship with Go to Nations. Our goal is to partner with the Holy Spirit to prepare them to become the emotionally and spiritually healthy full-time missionaries that God has called them to be, and one day we will bear witness to the multitude of lives changed by their obedience.



Our Go To Nations Honduras team

The Blessed Hope

Hope is a word with little significance in the hearts of many Hondurans, who struggle to see their own worth or the promise of a greater life in Christ. With countless lives ravaged by death, drugs, poverty and broken homes, it is often difficult for them to accept the message of hope. However, one day we saw God's word come alive in the heart of a young girl named Miriam. After sharing with her and eleven other girls at the orphanage about the hope of Christ and the calling that He has on each one of their precious lives, she made the decision to make Jesus her greatest hope!



Alison playing with some of our friends at a local home for girls after sharing the Gospel and providing a meal.

Special Visit

A very special highlight to our year so far, is being able to share our ministry and vision with family. In January Nathan's parents made the 2000-mile journey to Honduras to share life with us. We had the opportunity to visit El Limonar, a local squatter village or "bordo" of more than 10,000 people living in abject poverty. We partnered with a local pastor to present a wonderful group of children with the message of a God who not only loves them, but has created them with a special purpose. We were also able to provide them with a hot meal. Our prayer is that they will continue to hear and know their value and worth in Christ.



Nathan's parents Mac and Janet Atwood (left). Nathan ministering to some of the children in the squatter village of El Limonar (right).

Recently while worshipping at church God spoke to my heart about the love required to fully minister to our foster children, Gabriel and Camila. We have been there over the past year-and-a-half to give kisses when they fall, to hold them when they wake from nightmares, to give them medicine when they are sick, to pray over them when they are restless, but the reality is, when ministering 24/7 to children whose lives have been ripped away from them, whose mothers have abandoned them, the love must be more than our own. It must be truly poured out every day from God himself. In this love we find Gabriel and Camila flourishing. We find their hearts filled with joy and mouths with laughter. We see the fears and anxieties leave and security and confidence fill their hearts. So, in all of our ministry to others, we take perhaps the greatest joy in these two lives that are forever changed, and our family, who will never be the same.



We want to say how thankful we are for your prayer and financial support. May you experience the fullness of joy that comes from giving to the work of the Great Commission, and may God supply all your needs according to His riches in glory.

Please pray for:

- God's continued protection upon our family
- Our apprentices as they begin language school and their missionary training
- More children and youth in San Pedro Sula to come to faith in Christ
- God to raise up missionaries among these precious children

