

The Lord is wonderful and greatly to be praised!

Psalm 148

Family and friends,

Happy new year! Hope that you had a great time with loved ones and family during this time of celebrating Christmas and the new year. Deby and I enjoyed time with her family over Christmas and even were able to meet up with my mom, dad, and brother in Guatemala for a week over new year's. We are extremely grateful for this valuable time with family.

During this last month we were also able to take advantage of the time in Diriamba and got a lot done! Most importantly of course we got to find out the gender of our baby! God has gifted us the blessing of a beautiful princess. She is growing and starting to really get her groove on in there. It appears that we have a dancer.

We are thankful that we could talk to the doctor that is going to attend to the birth and have the details of where and how much it will cost for everything. Deby has continued great as well. Her first pregnancy has been without complications.

Another detail that we were able to work on is a car and also an apartment to rent. The previous apartment we had found ended up not being available but we were able to find a new option in a nice residential area in Diriamba. The car that we found is a 2008 Hyundai Tucson. The asking price is \$6,500 and the owner is willing to negotiate the price. God has really amazed us as we have already received \$3,391.19! Thanks to all who have been praying and have given.

As we will be having our baby in the hospital in Jinotepe the plan is to go back to Diriamba the end of March so Deby can spend the last 2 months of pregnancy there close to the hospital and doctor.



The end of March is coming quick already but there is plenty to be done in the meantime. Around Christmas we got the surprise when Rene wrote me to say that we are going to be moving houses. A door opened up for us as a ministry to rent a new property with more room to house people in, a lot more property, and even a basketball/soccer court. This will be a huge blessing for us as we now are preparing for 10 DTS students. 8 of the students are from Nicaragua (3 from Bluefields), 1 from Guatemala, and 1 from Canada. We are looking forward to the arrival of these students and excited to be able to serve and be a part of the school.

Along with the DTS starting soon we are excited for a new ministry that will be starting here at YWAM Bluefields. Deby and I often talk about the rock quarry and our heart for those people. This last year we have gotten really close to one family there. Deby talks with the mother Maria as I go off and hang out with her son Yader. One day we were visiting and I came back really burdened and feeling like we need to be doing something in this place. I especially was saddened when the reality of how these kids almost have no opportunity of discipleship and truly getting to know God intimately came to my attention. Deby and I were bursting with joy when Migi mentioned one day that she has received a vision for a new ministry starting this year there. The ministry will focus on the children and younger kids and we will be going through the Bible with them using a story telling method. The hope is to see lasting transformation in their lives as they encounter the truth of God.



Early in December Deby and I went out to give Bibles here in Bluefields and had a special experience. All of a sudden, a little boy came running after us to get our attention. He said that he wanted one of those books. I asked him if he knew what this book is and he said yes, it's the book of God. We asked him why he wants one and he said he wants to learn and know God. This little child certainly touched our hearts. Pray that his mother would read to him and that this little boy would experience God in a special way.

### International news!

We want to briefly take the time to mention something that is happening this year at an international level in YWAM. At the conference last year in Thailand there was a lot of talk about Mongolia. This country has an interesting story and right now the Christians are first generation believers. I strongly encourage you to look up the YWAM frontier missions YouTube page and find the videos they have done on Mongolia. There are 3 videos that explain a little of the history of missions in the country. The international leaders and missionaries in Mongolia believe that the country is ready for a move of God and that its time for the global Church to rise up and reach this country with the love of the Father. The plan is in this year to finish the task of getting a Bible into every home in the entire country. You can be a part of that! Please be praying for Mongolia and this vision. It is possible to give financially as well and if you would like to do that I can help you get into contact with the correct person.



We still need \$3,108.81 to reach \$6,500 for the car. But should be able to negotiate price a little. We would greatly appreciate your continued help to reach the goal and be able to purchase a vehicle for our family!

