



November 2013

Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings from “Hot” Honduras! Right now that expression is even more apt than normal! Our Presidential elections are coming up on Sunday. This year it appears that we might be facing some problems. There are somewhere around 9 parties who have a candidate running. Most of them don’t have a chance to win, but there are 4 candidates who are fairly even in the polls. The two regular parties (conservative and liberal) have fractured, and most of the people have taken stances to the far right and far left. The far left candidate is the wife of ex-President Mel Zelaya who was taken out in a coup d’état a few years ago. She is a follower of Hugo Chavez’s ideology, and wants to implement his ideas here. The far right is almost a dictator type. In the middle are a moderate (with a smaller following) and a TV personality who says he’s “anti-corruption”.

We don’t want to sound like the little boy who cried, “wolf”, but we are hearing warnings from all sides now. No matter who wins, at least 2/3 of the people will not agree! We have been told that most people should vote in the morning and then go home. They have been asked to stay home and not go into the streets to celebrate. The active word right now is “PRUDENCE”. The military, in private, are telling folks to buy provisions for at least a week, and stay home. We have been advised to cancel the Evening Service for this Sunday. The followers of the left have said if their candidate doesn’t win, they will again take to the streets, but this time they will be armed. The other side doesn’t seem to be so militant, but they are all predicting unrest if their candidate doesn’t win. Please be in prayer about this matter. All of these “rumors” have only come to our ears this week.

In other news, we had a joint Baptismal service last Sunday night with 7 baptized from 3 churches. It was wonderful to baptize 3 from the Trejo church, 2 from our other work in Real del Puente, and 2 from Calvary Baptist (Robert’s work). We still have some new converts who are thinking about being baptized. The Trejo church is working on a Christmas cantata, “The Colors of Christmas”.

Nana is getting ready for two music recitals, one in piano and another in guitar. Katie is finishing up another semester at BJU, and we are trying to keep up with Paul’s Dad and the two works.

Please pray for:

1. The elections this Sunday, November 24th, that everything will be accomplished peacefully.
2. National workers for both the Trejo and Real del Puente churches.
3. Good health and strength for us.

Thank you for your prayers for us!

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