

FAMILY OUTREACH

News from Honduras

August 2006

Dear friends,

Many things have happened since our coming to the States in April. Regina had a lot of medical appointments. The orthopedic surgeon released her from his care on May 15. Surgery was not necessary. The doctor was very pleased with the mobility of her arm.

Because of problems with a prolapsed uterus, Regina had surgery on June 29. Two weeks after the surgery she was taken to the emergency room with abdominal pain and fever. An abscess had formed on one of her ovaries. She spent seven days in the hospital. She returned home, and two weeks later had to go back to the hospital again due to another abscess. She was in the hospital for seven days again, and they ended up having to drain the infection. She is now recuperating, and will go back for an appointment to see if all of the infection is gone. Chuck and the kids will be leaving the first week of September, if all is well with Regina, and she will be returning by airplane in the middle of September.

Our youngest son Joshua has had a hearing problem for the last six years. He had ear surgery on July 13. Pray that Joshua's hearing will improve. We pray that this will make it easier for him to learn Spanish.

Charles, our oldest son, graduated this year. He hopes to go to Oaxaca, Mexico and help with the missionary work there. He will be studying church history, apologetics, and preparing for ACT testing.

Our family enjoyed the fellow-

ship we had with the Saints during our five month stay in Independence. There was opportunity to share in many congregations and homes. It is always a pleasure to spend time with God's people.

We would like to thank each of you for your prayers and financial support during the past five months. The Lord provided a beautiful home for us to live in, and many people helped with food and other supplies during our stay. We were richly blessed.

After returning to Honduras, Chuck plans on continuing cottage meetings that he gave previous to our leaving Honduras. We pray that there will be baptisms this year from the work.

The Honduran church will be preparing for a family camp at the end of December or beginning of January. There is a missionary trip to Guatemala scheduled for sometime after the first of the year 2007.

Regina's Testimony

I was concerned as I lay in the hospital emergency room on Thursday night, July 13. The next day a CAT scan was taken of my abdominal area. It showed a small mass on my right abdominal area. The doctor suspected an abscess and gave me a 48 hour intravenous treatment of antibiotics. After the 48 hours were finished, my fever was still elevated.

On Monday, July 17 an exploratory laparoscopy was done. After entering the abdomen, the abscess ruptured, sending puss into my abdominal cavity.

The doctors were able to clean out the poison and found no other problems.

I thank the Lord for being in control of this situation. He knew that it was best for this to happen here in the States where the medical help is more advanced. Having an abscess rupture in Central America could have been a dangerous thing. He also made it happen before the family left for Honduras. I am so glad Chuck and the children were still here.

God spared my life two years ago in Guatemala. He reminded me of my responsibilities of raising our children to be godly people. Once again through His healing power He spared me. I am reminded again of the God-given responsibilities of a mother and wife.

As parents are we preparing our children in the ways of the Lord? Have we given this responsibility to a church or a school? D&C 68:4a-c says "And again, inasmuch as parents have children in Zion, or in any of her stakes which are organized, that teach them not to understand the doctrine of repentance; faith in Christ the Son of the living God; and of baptism and the gift of the Holy Ghost by the laying on of the hands when eight years old, the sin be upon the head of the parents; for this shall be a law unto the inhabitants of Zion, or in any of her stakes which are organized; and their children shall be baptized for the remission of their sins when eight years old, and receive the laying on of the hands; and they shall also teach their children to pray, and to walk

uprightly before the Lord.”

Are we so busy that there are no evenings spent as a family? Do we take time to study the Word of God with our children? How can they be children of the King if they do not have a love for the truth that we find in the scriptures? Satan laughs as he sees God's people so busy that they do not have time for their family or the Lord himself. Consider the words of this hymn. “Take time to be holy, the world rushes on, spend much time in secret with Jesus alone.”

D&C 34:3d,e “and the time speedily cometh that great things are to be shown forth unto the children of men; but without faith shall not anything be shown forth except desolations upon Babylon, the same which has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. And there are none that doeth good except those who are ready to receive the fullness of my gospel, which I have sent forth unto this generation.”

D&C 108:2a-c “Wherefore prepare ye, prepare ye, O my people: sanctify yourselves; gather ye together, O ye people of my church, upon the land of Zion, all you that have not been commanded to tarry. Go ye out from Babylon. Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord.

Call your solemn assemblies, and speak often one to another. And let every man call upon the name of the Lord; yea, verily I say unto you again, The time has come when the voice of the Lord is unto you, Go ye out of Babylon; gather ye out from among the nations, from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.”

Testimony of the Neighbors

The Sperry's believe that perhaps one of the reasons they have been here for an extended period of time is because of the witness they have recently been to their neighbors. Charles and Elizabeth first spoke with the neighbors, who had come over bringing garden food and said they had heard that they were missionaries.

Over the last month they have had opportunities to share with this family, who has several small children living at home. Connie Sperry invited them to come to church with her. Chuck and Charles have had a few more meetings with them. This is an on-going testimony, and the Sperry's ask that you would pray for their neighbors.

Financial Report

	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
Income	3619.05	1874
Shelter	228.84	597.46
Clothing	283.04	188.22
Food	252.76	470.34
Personal (&school)	175.33	112.80
Medical	111.00	622.19
Transportation	726.46	364.95
Taxes	0.00	0.00
Misc. nec.	0.00	175.14
Misc. unnec. (computer)	816.88	4.49
Tithe	224.03	140.00
Total expenses	2818.34	2675.59

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Prayer Requests

- * Pray for Regina to get well
- * Pray for the Sperry family as they hope to travel back to Honduras the first week of September
- * Honduran Church Family Camp in December
- * Son, Charles and his decisions for the future
- * Missionary work to go forth in Guatemala

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