

# Heaven's Reach Ministries

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## HONDURAS UPDATE

We arrived in San Pedro Sula Honduras Sunday the 20th around 1pm with Henry and then met up with Jim Taylor at the airport, and then our journey began. We took a taxi across town to the bus station where we boarded a bus for our 4.5 hour ride to the mission house. We arrived just as the youth service was letting out. It was so great to see the students and to be greeted in such a loving way! Sometimes when you are away you feel like others lives just go on without you and that they don't even give you a second thought, but it was obvious that we were missed!

We then got settled in for the night and the next morning began preparing for the team that would be here on the 22nd. About 11am on the 21st, we loaded up in the vehicles and headed back to San Pedro Sula to purchase the needed groceries and supplies for the team. The plan was to buy all the needed items and stay in a local hotel near the airport and get the team around noon on the 22nd. Plans are always nice to have, but truthfully never really work out.

Between leaving the farm and arriving in San Pedro Sula it was made known that the ousted president of Honduras arrived back in Honduras and was staying at the Brazilian Embassy. The current president imposed a curfew starting at 4pm, no one was allowed on the streets or they would be arrested. We arrived in SPS about that time. We did get checked into the hotel without any problems, however there was no shopping done.

As we awaited news of what was going on we found out that the airports and borders were closed. The team would not be arriving in the am and the curfew was extended until 6pm the next night so we would not be going anywhere. SPS is approximately 6 hrs from the capital of

Tegucigalpa, which is where all the turmoil is going on.

As I write this it is now Wednesday Sept 23rd about 5pm and although the curfew was lifted for shopping purposes of the Honduran people from 10am-4pm today, the curfew is still in effect and we did not have enough time to return to the farm. We did venture out and head to the bank to change some money and intended to buy some groceries for the mission house. I say attempted because when we left the hotel the traffic was bumper to bumper for miles, the lines at the banks, gas stations, and grocery stores were insurmountable. We managed to get the money changed but couldn't get into the grocery store due to the amount of people there already.

We use a price smart, similar to a Sam's Club, but today the parking lot was full, and every street leading to the store was lined up with cars of people doing their shopping. We decided to keep driving and get back to the hotel before everyone else was trying to get home before the curfew began again.

The word is that the airport will reopen tomorrow the 24th and the curfews will be lifted. This has not been made official as of yet. If it is there is a possibility that the team may go ahead and fly in and we will get them to the mission house in Yamaranguila. We aren't really sure of anything at the moment except that God is in control! Please continue to pray for us, the safety and peaceful resolution to this political crisis in Honduras. Be Blessed!



God Bless you all!

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