

Dear Fathers and Brothers,

Greetings in the name of Christ Jesus, our Savior. I first want to say that it was a joy to be with y'all and report in person during the February presbytery meeting. It was a pleasure to get to catch up with many of you to thank you in person for your prayers and support of our ministry here in Honduras! It is with great joy that I get to give you a more recent update about what the Lord is doing in Tegucigalpa and specifically with our first church plant.

In May of this year, we had the joy of getting to celebrate the first anniversary of our church plant, Iglesia Presbiteriana Gracia Soberana. It has been a very exciting season for us over this past year as we have gotten to see a small group of people grow from a small weekly bible study to a weekly worship service with about 40 regular attenders. Our weekly schedule consists of morning worship service where, in the last year, we have preached through Ruth, Galatians, and Genesis. We also have an evening study of the confession on Sunday nights. We have just finished chapter 20 and we are looking to finish up our study in order to start evening services at the beginning of the New Year. We also have weekly prayer meeting where we are working through the Psalms as a way to pattern our prayers. Finally, this summer we started having college students to our home on a weekly basis. We are praying that this newest addition will be a way for us to start campus ministry in the local university, which is only 2 kilometers from the church locations.

When I visited back in February, I mentioned that Josue would be attending the presbytery meeting in August. My hope is that many of you get the opportunity to meet him while he visits with you. I know that he too is thankful for the support of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley through your prayers and financial support of some of the local churches. Josue has been taking Hebrew classes at RTS this summer and has benefitted from time with some of the other professors. We are extremely grateful for the opportunity he has had to be able to learn and add tools for our ministry here in Honduras.

Two of the major things that happened this summer were our first team and our first conference. In June, we hosted our first team here in Tegucigalpa and they were a great help to us in allowing us to put on our first conference. Our hope is to do annual conferences covering topics that are important to the church in Latin America. This year we did a conference on Covenant Theology and we were extremely surprised by the turn out. We were expecting about 40 folks and ended up having about 60-70 and a majority of those were visitors. One of the great joys was seeing how many young men and pastors from other local congregations attended. We were grateful for the turnout and the joy it was to see folks learning covenant theology!

Finally, fathers and brothers, I would ask you for your continued prayers for our work here in Tegucigalpa. Our desire is to see men, women, and children come to saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. We know that this happens through the reading, preaching, teaching, and hearing of God's Word. Please pray that the Lord would attend His Word and that many would come to faith in Christ. Please pray for laborers to be raised up here in Honduras and laborers to be sent here to Honduras. We have much need for faithful pastor/scholars in Honduras and throughout Latin America.

I truly am grateful for your prayers as I seek to be a faithful servant of Christ in Honduras. We are also grateful for the churches who have partnered with us as we labor in Honduras. Again, thank you for the privilege of laboring out-of-bounds, and I humbly request your permission to continue to do so.

Yours in Christ,
Aaron Halbert