

Steven & Debra ANNER HONDURAS

Reaching the Generation to Come

"...unto this generation, and...every one that is to come." Psalm 71:18



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"Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power. Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;" Ephesians 3:7 & 8

What a joy it is to reconnect with old friends and acquaintances during the Christmas season! Recently Steven reconnected with a godly saint that he had met years earlier. That person now has a website and a greater ministry than ever before. On that website were written the following words. "And so, I am here. A mess wrapped in grace." In thinking about wrapped Christmas presents, have you ever thought about the believer being "wrapped in God's grace"?

In Romans 5:20 God says of sin and His amazing grace, "...where sin abounded, grace did much more abound." Sometimes I picture God's grace as a flooding stream, with me standing in the middle, letting the waves of His grace wash over me again and again. The phrase, being "wrapped in God's grace" gives a similar point of view.

"The Gift of the Grace of God"

Paul was called and enabled to be a minister by the "gift of the grace of God". No one can put themselves into the ministry. Certainly we can desire it, and even ask the Lord to place us in the ministry, but the calling and enabling must come from God by His grace. That is the only way anyone can be fruitful in the ministry - by His grace.

"Less than the Least of all Saints"

Paul certainly had a good reason to feel this way about himself - he had persecuted the church before he was saved (1 Corinthians 15:9). In fact, every minister called by God has probably felt this way at one time or another - unequal to the task that God has called them to do. Yet we believe that the One Who has called and enabled us will enable us yet again to do that which may seem impossible at the moment. In our own lives we have seen God enable us by His grace to do the impossible over and over again.

"That I Should Preach"

God enables us by His grace for a purpose. There is something He wants us to do with His grace that has been given to us. For some, it is given to preach, but it is not given to everyone for the same reason. Although Steven has had the opportunity to preach, the majority of our ministry has been teaching, training, discipling and evangelism. All are needed within the body of Christ.

As far as teaching and evangelism goes, we are excited to share with you that once again Debra's children's club in Centroamérica Oeste won in a close competition among the Bible clubs. At the beginning it seemed like her club would not be able to participate this year due to sickness among several of the children. Yet at the last minute one couple was able to round up five of the clubbers and take them to the competition. We are so glad they did! On their way home we were able to contact one of the parents. At that moment several clubbers were around who excitedly shouted "Miss Debra, Miss Debra!" She is greatly missed, and we miss them.

Prayer Requests

- We got good news from Steven's specialist. He has to make some minor changes to his diet and eating habits. He also needs to take one pill and natural supplements daily. Please pray for one more health matter he needs to resolve.
- Jonathan has been told that he must continue training another month. Please pray for a job.
- Our soon return to Honduras

Thank you for your prayers. God continues to work in ways we never would have imagined! May the Lord grant every one of you a very Joyous Christmas and a New Year filled with His blessings!

Wrapped in God's grace,

Steven + Debra

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