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Citizenship Update

First of all, I want to thank you all for your prayers. We have received so much kindness in this endeavor, and I know that has been encouraging to Raúl. I also want to mention that I am so proud of how hard Raúl has studied and amazed by how much he has learned. With that said, he did not pass. He did pass the civics questions, which are often considered the hardest part, and he also passed the writing portion. However, his English proficiency level in the interview was not high enough. To be honest, it can be very difficult to get a clear understanding as to what the expectations are for English proficiency. He could answer all of the verbatim questions on his application but was lost in conversational questions that he hadn't prepared for. He does, however, have one more opportunity to pass. After the interview, the director of the department talked to me and said that he recommended that we stay in the U.S. so that Raúl would have the best opportunity to hear and learn English for the best chance of passing. His next interview is October 26th, so we are in the U.S. for much longer than we had planned. Raúl was understandably disappointed, and to be honest, I was overwhelmed by the need for continued study. But, we have found several free ESL classes and resources in our area, and we are so grateful for them. Please continue to pray for this second chance. We are putting forth our best efforts and entrusting the outcome

News from Honduras

to God's hands.

COVID Update

The situation in Honduras has been very dire in relation to COVID. The medical system is overrun, and while vaccinations are rolling out, the process has been slow. Some people have been waiting 4 to 6 hours in line to be vaccinated. Vaccines are primarily coming from other countries' generosity. We understand that the situation here in the US is also a struggle. We ask that you would pray for some sweet missionary friends, the Taylor family. Erin is a lovely lady who I met through women's Bible study. Her husband, Josh, has been in the ICU with COVID pneumonia for a few weeks now. He was recently put on a ventilator as his recovery has been very slow and full of ups and downs. They have three children.

Wisdom

My word for this year has been "time," and as our time and location have taken an unexpected shift, I hear the words of Psalm 31:15a echo in my head, "My times are in Your hands." There is a lot of uncertainty looming for both of us at this juncture with this citizenship outcome but also with my graduate studies and Raúl's business. While we continue to be relational in ministry, we also have questions as to what ministry continues to look like in COVID times and when many of our usual collaborators are traveling. We don't know what the future holds, but we are asking God for wisdom.

Sarah and Raúl