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Well, 2025 started off with a bang. I had to go to our first meeting by myself because Sofia broke out in a severe case of hives that made it much too uncomfortable for her to travel. Amber spent most of New Year's Day with her in urgent care and it took almost a week for her to recover. Thankfully we were not traveling in between places at the time; we had spent the holidays with Amber's parents and were still there. Amber and the girls were able to spend some extra time with family, which was a blessing in spite of the circumstances.

When I returned from the meeting, we stayed in VA even longer because the weather took a turn and we got snowed in. (I imagine we weren't the only ones to get snowed in somewhere this past month.) Three of Amber's siblings lost power for a couple of days and so we all ended up in the same house together for a bit; 5 cousins under 5 in one house, plus all the aunts and uncles and grandparents. Once we were able to travel back to GA we ended up getting snowed in there too a few days later. Sofia learned how to sled and make a snow angel (and another, and another, and another...) Although weather and sickness changed nearly all our plans in January, we chose to be grateful for the things we experienced that we normally don't; time with family and snow. Soon enough those things will be just a memory, and we want those memories to be good ones.

We got to spend some time with our home church this month and be involved in some awesome outreach events there, and Amber got to teach the toddlers class one Wednesday evening as well. We are thankful for a home church that is healthy and has a heart for outreach and that they encourage us to jump in and be involved even when we never know what our schedule is going to look like very far in advance.

I have been spending most of my time, when not driving and presenting our ministry at churches, preparing for beginning our ministry in Honduras. I have been laying out all of the ministries and outreaches we will have and what those will look like. I will soon be getting a church covenant and doctrinal statement together as well as a church membership course and discipleship strategy. I am most excited about the sermon series I'm working on. I've never had the opportunity to preach through a book of the bible and so I am really enjoying preparing to preach through the Gospel of John when we start our church! Other than that, we have to consider what songs we will sing, what our church will be called, where it will be located exactly, what I will be preached on in the other services, and what children's ministry will look like for us in the beginning.

There are a lot of choices to be made in the near future, so we are grateful for your prayers that God would give us wisdom. We are now 6 weeks away from our departure date, and our hearts are thankful for all that the Lord has done during our furlough, and all we anticipate Him doing after our return to Honduras. Thank you for being a part of that.

Serving Christ,

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