

...encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the day drawing near (Heb:10:25, NASB).

## In Step With The Reeds

**June 2019**

**God Bless You Friends!!**

We just returned from an incredible trip to visit an amazing couple living and serving in Honduras! Thank you again for your prayers and gifts that made this mission trip possible. Hopefully, our pictures here capture some of the impressions made on our soul. Better yet, we would love to chat together and we'll tell you all about it!!

With the on-and-off help of over 100 local men, Mike and Lisa Brenner built a house in Puerto Lempira to be a "home" for teenage boys (9 at this time). This enables them to go to a school that they would otherwise not have access to. Because La Moskitia is an extremely impoverished area, it has limited, and even in most areas, no opportunity for education. This school, *Institute of Abundant Life*, provides the only free education beyond the 6<sup>th</sup> grade in all of La Moskitia! (Christian from around the world make the education possible with their donations.) We fell in love with these guys and were so blessed to see how God is giving the Brenners all the wisdom, grace, mercy and patience they need to shepherd these young men.

We were joined by Melinda Creef, a skilled and tender trauma counselor, and later, our International Director (Thomas Smoak) and his wife and family. Our time was together was so grace-filled with encouragement, laughter, and prayer! The Brenners expressed deep appreciation for our visit, as they are in a very remote and somewhat dangerous location, leaving them feeling pretty isolated at times. Please pray for this precious couple!

The week before we climbed aboard the plane for Honduras, we had flown to Dallas to join a group of *Action Trainers* and 5 new candidates ready to launch out to various countries worldwide! Our days were filled with talking through cross-cultural challenges, and establishing a base of friendship that we will build on in future skype and WhatsApp calls, once they dig into their fields of service.



After all was said and done, we dragged our bags onto 8 different planes, navigating 8 different TSA requirements! Gratefully, our luggage and our health stayed intact!! Again, thank you for your prayers!!

As to what is ahead? We were blessed to host a family from the Philippines for a couple of days this month, and anticipate many more to come this summer and fall. An international trip we set our sights on this August is "on hold" at present, but we are praying about flying up to the Northwest and Canada in September to touch base with our support base and family there.

We are so thankful to God for leading us down this pathway during this later season in our life! REALLY! As long as He provides and our health permits, we will joyfully sprint - *well, maybe walk* - onward and upward! **Excelsior!** 😊 May each of you continue to embrace His will for your lives, daily discovering His goodness and love towards you!

Thanks again for your prayers and support. We couldn't do this without you! Would you continue to ask our Lord for additional **monthly** supporters, and for others to give toward **travel** and **work** funds for upcoming ministry trips as God puts it on their hearts.

Gifts can be sent to the address posted below, or online at: [actioninternational.org/reedjohn](http://actioninternational.org/reedjohn)

Enjoy the pictures we've attached to the back-side of this ministry update. We love you and ask our Lord to make His presence known to you and His face to shine upon you, as you *seek to follow in His steps!*

*John & Georgie*



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### Praise and Prayer Review:

- Praise for meaningful interaction and bonding at the Cross-Cultural Training Orientation in Texas.
- Praise for wonderful opportunities to encourage and build up the Brenners in Honduras.
- Praise for safe travels and good health the whole trip!
- Prayer for ongoing opportunities to host missionaries here in CA





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