

# HONDURAS

## *REACHING THE LENCAS FOR CHRIST*

God bless you dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we wish you many blessings from Honduras.

We hope you are well, trusting in the Lord, even in the midst of difficulties.

We present some prayer requests and news.



### **OUR FAMILY**

For several weeks we were limited to going outside home. With the restrictions of the coronavirus, in the midst of all this, we have strengthened our family time.

We have had family Bible studies every night, we have broadcast on Facebook to share with others, as we live in an extensive family community, with Yoamy's 10 brothers as our neighbors, we have many nephews nearby, what a good thing it has been to be able to encourage our family a Follow Jesus remembering that it is our first church.



### **CORONAVIRUSES AND THE LENCAS**

Being in a mountainous region away from cities, the Lencas have not yet experienced a direct impact from the virus. Only the news has come from far from everything that is happening.

The government has prohibited access to its territory to prevent the virus from entering its communities.



A week ago we wanted to go visit a community to train pastors on biosecurity measures.

But the chief cacique of the region sent us a message that at this time we were not welcome, that they did not wish to receive us.

One of the things that has affected Lencas the most is that they cannot sell their agricultural products, because the market is closed in the city, and this has caused them not to have the things they need at home. Some, for example, produce tomatoes and because they cannot sell, they have gone bankrupt.

The rainy season came in May, the crops of corn and beans and rice are growing, this has filled the hearts of families with hope, for a Lenca having corn, beans and rice is of great happiness. We expect good harvests, there is abundant rain. Everyone says here, "Thank you God"

The national news on the radio has left nothing encouraging in the hearts of the Lencas, many have called us on the phone to explain what is happening, and to pray for them, we have tried to give encouragement, some families who are suffering. Because of the situation, we have others who have lost relatives in other parts of the country. Especially some who were away from home working in the cities.

A woman lost her 24-year-old son and a week later she lost her father. It has been very painful.

Every morning the Lenca leaders have a prayer time on Facebook that is also broadcast on Lenca radio in the city of Marcala.

In the midst of all this we can be sure that God is on his throne and he takes care of us, God is good all the time. We can wait on Him.



**DELIVERY OF FOOD AND FERTILIZERS FOR CROPS.**

A very blessed activity has been donating food packages and bags of agricultural fertilizers to needy families and to Lenca herders. We want to thank the churches, brothers in Christ who gave for this purpose. We were able to help more than 350 families and 25 Lenca pastors from our churches in the mountains.

**TRAINING FOR THE LENCAS CHURCHES IN BIOSAFETY**

Finally this June we started the biosafety training for the churches of the Lenca communities. Together with some top leaders, we received a government certification to provide training in preventive care about the coronavirus.

We are in the process of equipping each church with the things necessary for coronavirus prevention.

Some of the churches already have this team. But others need to equip them. So this opportunity to help them acquire it. If it is possible to support in this area, you are welcome.

Basically it is to buy thermometers, masks, disinfectants, lettering among others.



**PRAYER REQUESTS**

- 1) Pray for our family. For security and wisdom. We are trying to take the necessary family safety measures, but also encourage the brothers who come to ask us for help and who also need prayer and a phone call.
- 2) Pray for the Lenca shepherds and their family needs, provision, also timely advice to the people who come to look for them.
- 3) Pray for the families who lack food so that God provides what is necessary and gives us ideas to help.
- 4) Pray for the growing corn and bean crops, this will ensure food for the next few months. Well, brothers, we wish you are well, again thank you very much for all your support for the missions in Honduras, they are very special. We pray that God will guard and protect their families.



We love you in Christ

**Sanchez family**

*Missionaries among the Lencas of Honduras*

